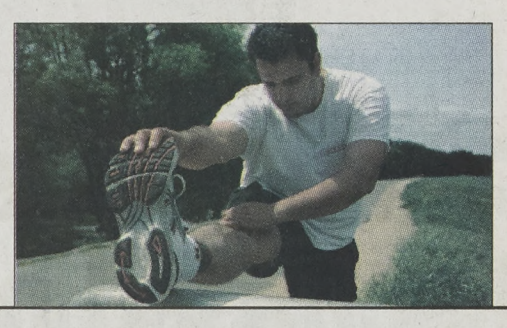
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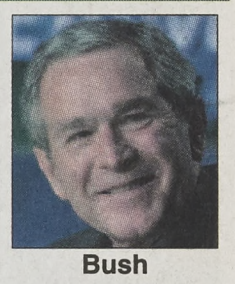
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Sacramento State students Robert Young, right, Walter Wallace, center, and Melissa Maxwell protest during President Bush's Saturday visit to West Sacramento.

Bush's West Sac visit spurs student protest


Bush

JESSICA WEIDLING
State Hornet

Javier Villegas, a Sacramento State English major, held a sign picturing his brother in military uniform to protest President Bush at the California Fuel Cell Partnership in West Sacramento on Saturday.

The senior, who was among about 1,500 protestors, according to police, said he was protesting Bush's policy on the Iraq war. Villegas said his brother has already served a year in Baghdad and has just been summoned to return for a second tour. Villegas, who was among a handful of Sac State protesters, said the protest is personal, as he fears for his brother's life.

Villegas' sister, Maira, a sociology junior, said she thought the protest's turnout was large, but that there weren't a lot of young people present at the midday event. She said she thinks the reason is that Bush's international policies don't directly affect college students – they can choose to remain apathetic because they aren't subject to a military draft.

"I think people our age need to wake up and take more of a political stance," Maira said.

As part of the Earth Day visit, Bush visited with Ford Motor Co. employees and received a tour of the facility where he was shown a zero-emission commuter bus powered by hydrogen fuel. At the energy facility Bush said his administration is spending $1.2 billion to research

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GET YOUR GREEK ON

Weeklong competition concludes Friday afternoon with Greek Sing

COMPETING FRATERNITIES
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Lambda Chi Alpha
Pi Kappa Alpha
Sigma Chi
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Sigma Pi
Tau Kappa Epsilon
Theta Chi

COMPETING SORORITIES
Alpha Chi Omega
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Chi Delta
Delta Gamma
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Sigma Kappa

GREEK WEEK EVENTS
200 points for first place: Football, volleyball, soccer, softball, basketball and College Bowl

50 points for first place: Chariot race and individual events at CSUS Aquatic Center

MATTHEW BELTRAN
State Hornet

Greek Week 2006 kicked off Friday, pitting Sacramento State fraternities and sororities against each other in the spirit of annual competition and bragging rights.

In preparation for this year's games, senior Matthew Flaherty, a criminal justice major and member of Sigma Pi, said he and his chapter have been practicing weekly.

Balancing schoolwork and practicing for Greek Week can be difficult for some of the younger members, Flaherty said, but is manageable for some of the more experienced members.

The Sigma Pi member said he comes to win and is looking forward to competing alongside his fraternity brothers. He hopes Greek Week inspires school spirit in not just the Greek chapters but in students who are not affiliated with a Greek organization too.

"This is a commuter school and not everyone feels a connection to this campus," Flaherty said. "Greek Week can show a connection with the students to the campus and bring a college setting and atmosphere."

The week's games and events will continue through Friday, and each fraternity and sorority will be competing for points. The fraternity and the sorority with the most points by the end of week will win the Greek Week trophies.

Interfraternity Council Parliamentarian Matthew Ruble, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, organized the events for Greek Week along with Vice President of Greek Activities Kim Tresca, a

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MELISSA ALLEN/STATE HORNET
Tau Kappa Epsilon members Jordan Stevenson, left, and Danny Franny wave their fraternity's flag during Friday's soccer games, which kicked off Greek Week.

Facility plans probed by ASI

Gonzalez pledges to keep raising funds for project

NIKA MEGINO
State Hornet

President Alexander Gonzalez told students he could make one guarantee regarding the recreation wellness and events center: to continue raising money for the project.

Gonzalez made the pledge at an April 19 Associated Students Inc. meeting, where he added that he has already raised an additional $1.05 million for the project, which is now named the Alex G. Spanos Sports and Recreation Complex.

Additionally, Gonzalez said the $56 summer fee hike has been postponed because of uncertainties surrounding the project.

A proposal written by ASI President Angel Barajas asks Gonzalez to pledge to raise an additional $10 million to offset the $8.9 million construction cost of the Broad Athletic Facility, which will replace the athletic field house. The request is being made because construction of a new athletic facility was not part of the original referendum, Barajas said.

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Committee meets to decide what will go in recreational facility
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Campus owed estimated $100,000 from RT error

University working on new deal with transportation service

NORM ERICKSON
State Hornet

An approximately $1 million university overpayment to Sacramento Regional Transit is now estimated at just $100,000, according to a recently finished investigation conducted by RT.

Ronald Grant, director of university support services, said the transit service has given Sacramento State a couple of overpayment estimates. The most recent estimate, $100,000, came last week when RT General Manager Beverly Scott met with Sac State President Alexander Gonzalez.

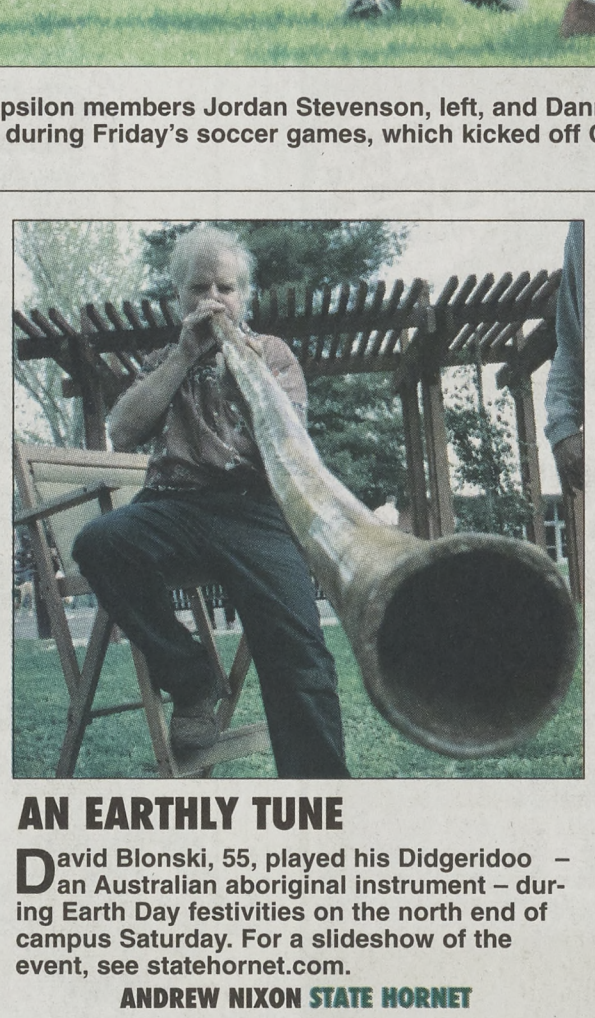
Both sides will meet Friday to continue the process.

"Some people believe a $1 million overcharge exists, but the analysis was incomplete and some conclusions were reached in error," said Mike Wiley, deputy general manager at RT.

The overpayment was caused by overestimating summer ridership and neglecting to divide a number by two when the payment calculation formula called for doing so, said Patricia Worley, executive director of Associated Students Inc.

During the 10 years of the current contract, which expires in June, Wiley said Sac State paid $500,000 more than it should have. However, when examining the total life of Sac State's relationship with RT, a $400,000 underpayment to RT happened from 1991-1997, resulting in the $100,000 figure, Wiley said.

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AN EARTHLY TUNE
David Blonski, 55, played his Didgeridoo – an Australian aboriginal instrument – during Earth Day festivities on the north end of campus Saturday. For a slideshow of the event, see statehornet.com.
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GE proposal allows six units to overlap

BINDE RAI
State Hornet

Sacramento State's Faculty Senate approved a new general education policy Thursday that allows students to overlap nine lower and upper division units of GE courses with their major courses.

The policy, which was pitched to the Senate by Academic Affairs in early April, aims at minimizing student graduation setbacks, said Gregory Wheeler, associate dean of undergraduate studies in Academic Affairs

Once approved by Sac State President Alexander Gonzalez, the new policy will replace the current policy regarding GE overlap, which allows students to use six lower division units toward GE and their major, Wheeler said.

Wheeler said the policy should benefit between 150-160 students who change their major after taking a GE course. He said Academic Affairs estimated the figure from data accumulated over the past few years.

The policy would benefit a student who had taken a history course to fulfill a GE requirement and then decided to change his or her major to history, Wheeler said. At that point, the original history course could fulfill a major requirement instead of the GE requirement.

In some cases, students don't real-

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Launch delayed for Web site that will help students plan classes
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Components of rec facility discussed by committee

JESSICA WEIDLING
State Hornet

A committee to review earlier design elements and forge ahead with the planning of the recreation wellness and events center discussed why the project was split into four phases and looked at possible project revisions during its first meeting.

Some of the possibilities presented to the committee April 19 included a suggestion that the bowling center may prove too costly and a proposal to add a 2,500-seat arena in the recreation and wellness center since the lack of funds leaves the events center timeline undetermined.

The nine-member committee is made up of three students and six members of faculty, administrative or staff. The committee will review the decisions of the 2004-05 steering committee, said Leslie Davis, director of the University Union.

The committee will consider project elements over three meetings and then present campus President Alexander Gonzalez with final project recommendations, including input from the architectural firm Ellerbe Becket, following its May 15 meeting.

"Time is of the essence, we hope to wrap this up in three meetings – the whole idea is to get the design started," said Ron Richardson, associate vice president of Facilities Services.

John Davis, design architect with Ellerbe Becket, said the four phases of the project include the estimated $8.9 million Broad Athletic Facility, set to be built by February 2008; the estimated $55-60 million recreation and wellness center, set to open during spring of 2010; and the events center and stadium renovations, which have undetermined costs and timelines.

Project designer Stephen Sefton said the project – now named the Alex G. Spanos Sports and Recreation Complex – was originally one connected building, and was divided as a result of two elements: the need for future growth and the desire to keep the practice track intact.

THE COMMITTEE

Students
Eric Buehler, Mimi Beas, Leslie Barron
Administrators
Ron Richardson, Ken Morton, Leslie Davis, Joyce Harris
Faculty or staff
Stephen Perez, Cynthia Collins

With approximately 80,000 square feet of expansion space, John Davis said the project would now have a chance to grow to include amenities that don't make it in this time around.

In spring 2005, the issue to divide the project was identified and three possible plans were presented to the steering committee, Leslie Davis said.

Of the three plans, the plan to separate the phases was chosen because it met the two elements and "it really allowed that area to breathe," Sefton said. "It gives it a dynamic energy."

Some of the elements likely to be included in the recreation center are a 15,000-square-foot cardio and weights facility, climbing wall, basketball courts and locker rooms, John Davis said. The wellness center could feature a nutrition office, massage therapy facility and educational and psychological services.

One change proposed by architects entails postponing or eliminating the idea of a bowling center.

"(The bowling alley) is fairly limited with the 5,000 square feet allocated in the program," John Davis said. "It requires high ceiling, wood flooring and is less flexible for different use."

John Davis said bowling alleys are not being built at universities anymore because it's a declining sport.

Ken Morton, recreational sports coordinator, said most bowling alleys are housed in university unions and that "glow bowling," or bowling while drinking alcohol, would not be permitted at this facility – something that may turn student interest away, he said.

Morton also said since the University Student Union – the 2004-05 committee composed of two ASI members, two University Union board members and two recreational sports members – asked the university to include either an aquatics center, a movie theater or a bowling alley.

The committe chose to consider the bowling alley over the other two, because Morton said it was the "cheaper of the three."

Another question brought to the committee's attention was whether an additional arena should be built inside the recreation and wellness center.

"Should we be thinking about a smaller arena with the events center pending?" Sefton asked. He said, if so, the committee would have to make cuts to other proposed facilities.

Sefton said the arena proposal is in response to the feedback from the university.

Cynthia Collins, administrative analyst for the College of Natural Science and Mathematics, asked if the 2500-seat arena could be mixed-use and provide a revenue stream for the recreation and wellness center. Other committee members agreed this would be a necessary component of the new facility.

"I don't think it would ever compete with the events center – it's a different animal," Sefton said.

Scott Model, professor of kinesiology and health science, said he would like to see the proposed arena built as a flexible recreation space.

"If it only focused on athletics then it wouldn't answer the question of where the events center went," Model said.

Also during the meeting, faculty representatives pushed administrators for answers on whether the $25 million raised by Gonzalez will be pledged to the construction of the Broad Athletic Facility

Stephen Perez, associate professor of economics, asked the committee whether the total cost of the project will include the new athletic facility and was told it was undetermined which pot of money will be used.

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Ron Richardson, *associate vice president of Facilities*

"I think you should be prepared to answer questions," Perez said. "If I am sitting here as a representative for faculty, then I feel it is my job to bring the questions faculty are talking about."

Moayed said he would get back to Perez regarding his questions.

Model said the answer is important to students who don't want to see a fee assessed for something they hadn't voted for in the referendum. Model was the stand-in for committee member Joyce Harris, director of the Health Center.

The student fees, which include a $56 summer fee and a $110 fall fee and were set to begin in June, are now put off indefinitely because there are many uncertainties surrounding the project, said Gonzalez at the April 19 Associated Students Inc. board meeting.

Leslie Davis said although the referendum doesn't specifically refer to new athletic facility, its replacement was discussed throughout the University Union campaign preceding the election.

As the committee moves forward, John Davis said its important that members take a look at all programs, check off components and be prepared to discuss them.

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Campus Police Log

April 17

Hit and Run – Parking Structure II – Around 11a.m., someone saw a champagne Honda Accord hit a White Acura Legend, then park on the second floor of Parking Structure II. Police were called and contacted both parties.

Removing/Tampering with vehicle parts – Parking Lot 1 – A woman reported that her passenger door was open and that the ignition had been tampered with when she returned to her car around 5p.m.

April 18

Traffic Accident – Parking Lot 7 – Around 9 a.m. a car hit a tree.

Petty Theft – Various Locations – Around 9:45 a.m., the driver of a Hornet Shuttle reported his Sector 9/Cloud 9 Longboard had been stolen from the rear of the bus while he drove it.

Possession of a controlled substance – Desmond Hall – Around 1:30 p.m., a person called police to report that people were smoking marijuana and said that he wanted it confiscated. Officers confiscated the marijuana and booked it for destruction.

Removing/Tampering with vehicle parts – Residence Hall Parking – Around 3:30 p.m., a person told an officer about a possible vehicle theft. The suspect was unable to break into the car.

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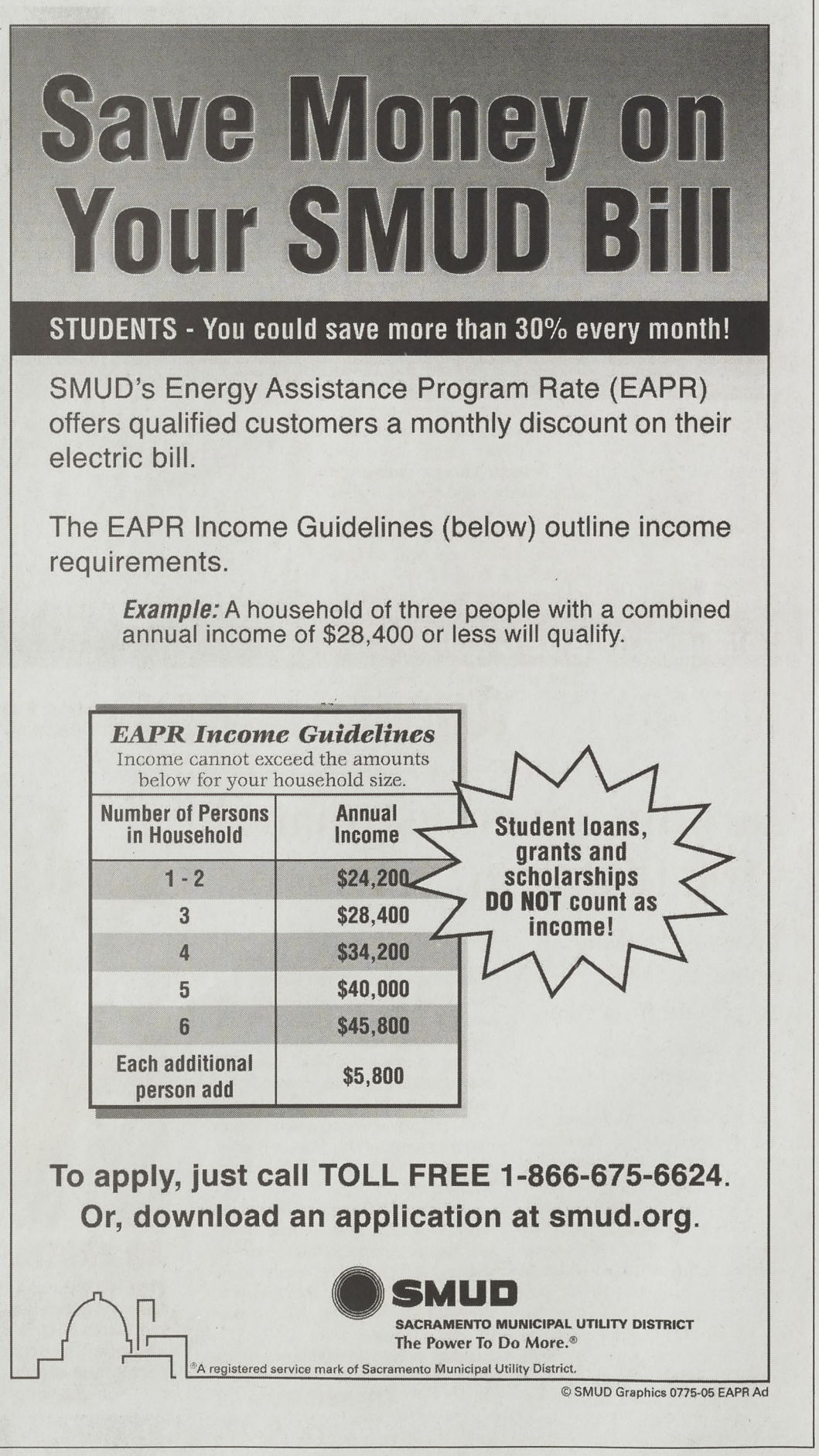
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Debate heats up among presidential candidates

They take questions from audience, duel over student issues

MAXWELL PUCKETT
State Hornet

Studentcrats candidate Curtis Grima and Advocates candidate Robbie Abelon had a battle of words at Associated Students Inc.'s presidential debates held April 18 in the Hinde Auditorium of the University Union.

Spectrum candidate Cynthia Dela Cruz and Impact candidate Angela Arriola were also a part of the debate.

Following a question from the audience about how candidates would help foster more student involvement on campus, Grima began to pitch his slate's dedication to organizational housing.

"It's not just for Greeks. We need students living on campus to foster a community," Grima said.

Abelon responded that organizational housing is simply not realistic because it costs too much and it could impact fees.

"You can make promises but you need viable options. Funding without raising fees is not possible," Abelon said. "Communication is needed to promote a community atmosphere."

Grima responded to Abelon's criticism asking how a conclusion could be made without forming a committee to address it.

"I think outside the box," Grima said.

Abelon pointed to a lack of feasibility. "You can't move forward without a plan. You can't make promises without a plan," Abelon said.

The next question from the audience was how candidates would ensure that the executive vice president would hold all their board members accountable.

Another audience question was what the candidates would do about keeping their grades up while serving as president.

Dela Cruz, Arriola and Grima responded that grades had never been an issue for them.

Abelon was elected to an ASI position in spring 2005 and was unable to fulfill his duties because of poor grades. He said his involvement with Doris Matsui's recent campaign; the death of Matsui's husband, Robert, a personal hero to Abelon; and Abelon's diagnosis with alopecia areata, a condition that causes the immune system to attack hair follicles which causes hair loss; all contributed .

"I overcame these things, so it proves that I am a fighter and I can overcome a lot," Abelon said.

Other debate highlights included Arriola's plan to attend a seven-week internship on policy education and policymaking, and Dela Cruz's commitment to establish a 24-hour study lounge and more healthy food options on campus.

Arriola also touched on the need for more efficient academic advising.

"Advising is essential to help students with their education. They need proper advising – not just advising – mentoring," Arriola said.

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"Graduation rate is the first thing I want to address. Retention programs work – studies show."

Robbie Abelon, Advocate candidate



"Advising is essential to help students with their education. They need proper advising – not just advising – mentoring."

Angela Arriola, Impact candidate



"I am not driven by a lust for power, but a desire to serve students who have been under represented,"

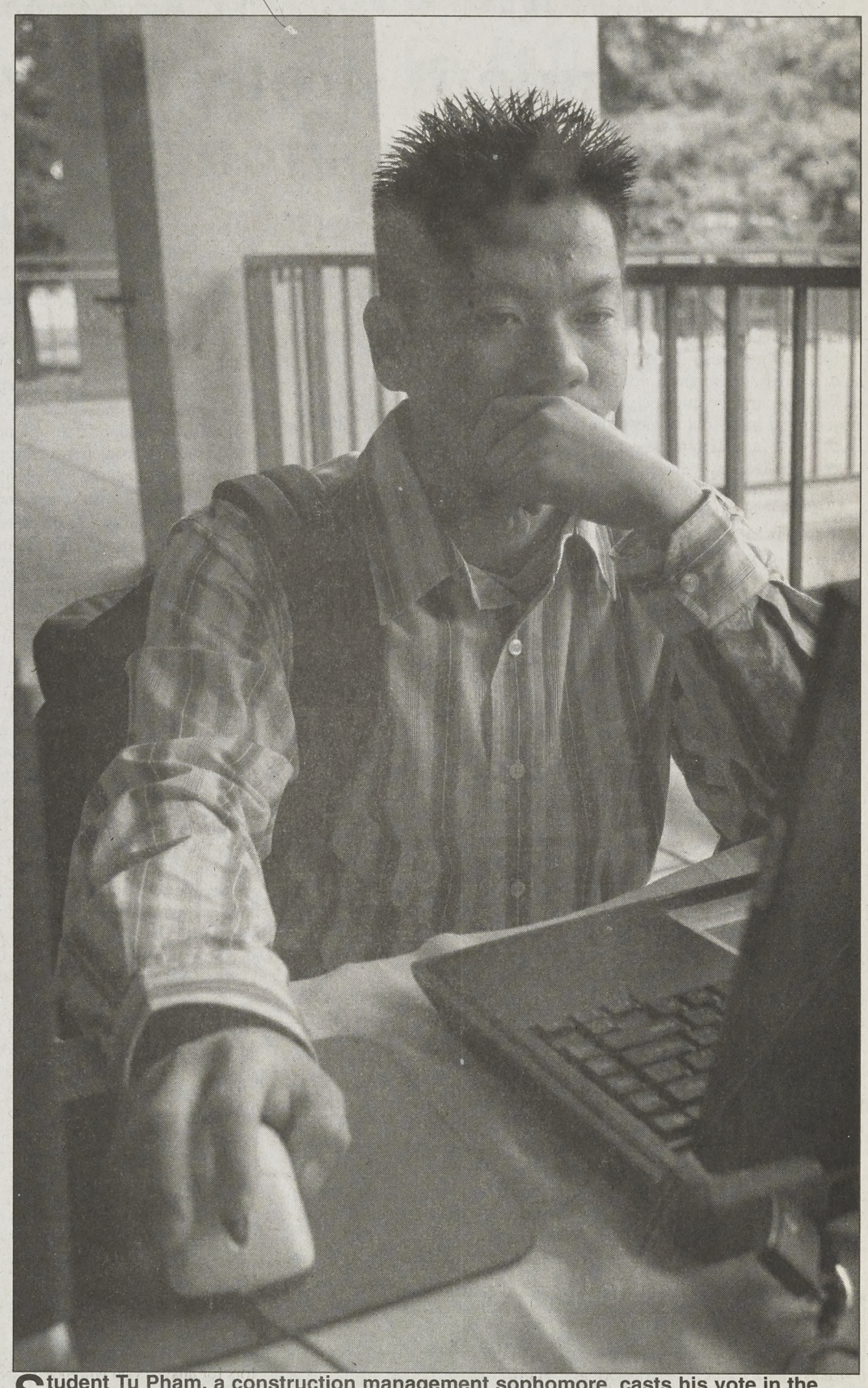
Cynthia Dela Cruz, Spectrum candidate



"My No. 1 priority will be Parking Structure III. I can guarantee you the whole thing will be student only if Studentcrats are elected."

Curtis Grima, Studentcrats candidate

VOTING SMART



Student Tu Pham, a construction management sophomore, casts his vote in the Associated Students Inc. election Tuesday morning in the Library breezeway.

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"It's hypocritical for him to be out supporting alternative fuel."

Maggie Hawkins, student protester

BUSH: Student protester upset at campus tournout

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hydrogen-powered vehicles and that a $3,400 tax credit is offered to those who buy hybrid cars.

Police put an eighth of a mile buffer between protesters and the facility where Bush toured and held a press conference, forcing picketers to line the intersection of Beacon and Industrial boulevards. Bush used a different street to enter to the facility.

There were about a dozen individuals out in support of Bush, most of them waving American flags.

The protesting group, which chanted "Bush step down," stayed on the site for several hours, with some wearing stickers, waving flags and holding signs painted with phrases such as, "Bush is lying and troops are dying," and "Plant a tree, kill a bush."

Some protesters, such as anthropology junior Maggie Hawkins, felt it was important to speak out against Bush's visit to the energy facility because the environment has never been one of his main policy concerns, she said.

"It's hypocritical for him to be out supporting alternative fuel," Hawkins said.

At Bush's press conference he said hydrogen-powered cars are not just a "foolish dream," but a "reality that's come true."

Also from Sac State were students Robert Young, assistant manager of KSSU, Sac State's student-run radio station, and Melissa Maxwell, KSSU's manager.

Young, a communications video major who has been at KSSU for three years, said he was at the event protesting the recent U.S. House of Representatives immigration bill now making its way through the Senate. As a Mexican-American, Young said the immigration issue hits home and said a lot of students in California will be affected by the legislation one way or another.

"Mexican people have a positive impact on the economy," Young said. "They (the administration) tend to overlook that."

Young said he was proud of his homemade sign, which compared the hard work of immigrants with the complacency of the president and declared, "Deport Bush."

Young said the work environment at KSSU allows for tolerance of different political views. "At least we listen," he said.

Maxwell, a senior communications major, said she is against Bush's policy of using fear for coercion.

Maxwell said she heard about the protest from Air America, the local progressive radio station, and was disappointed that more students from Sac State didn't come out to express their feelings on the issues.

"I think students are a lot more apathetic than they used to be," Maxwell said.

Maxwell's sign read, "A terrorist uses fear to control, and so does Bush."

Walter Wallace, executive vice president candidate for Associated Students Inc., attended the event because he said he supports the Sacramento community and wants to send a message to the president saying he is "not welcome here."

Looking out at the crowd of protesters decrying Bush's policies, Sac State alumnus Erik Demarco reflected that much of the group was made up of couples with children and what he called "white beards" – with only a few young students speckled throughout.

"You would not have seen that in the '60s," said Demarco, a 1976 alumnus who got his master's degree in counseling.

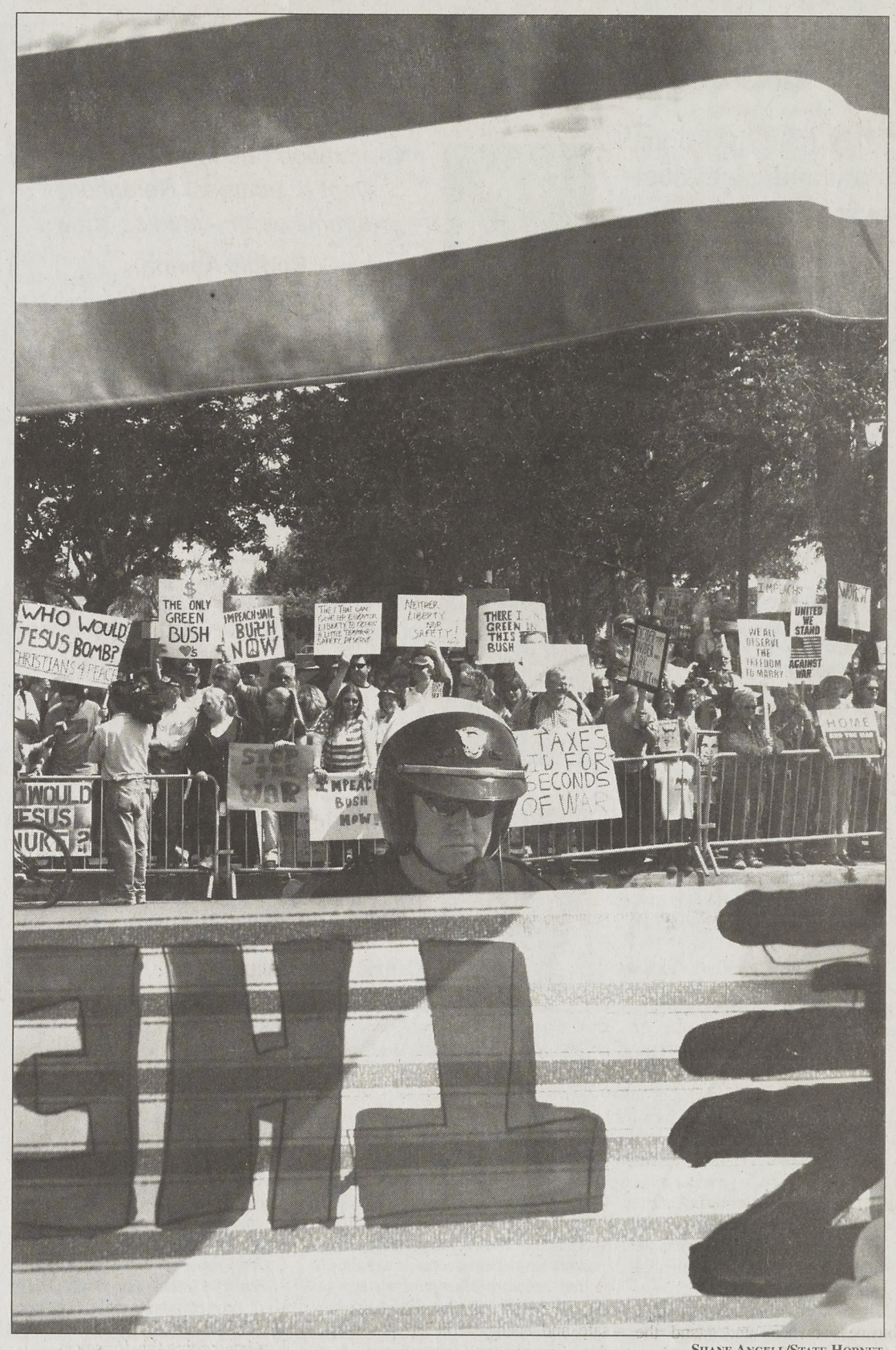
Demarco said he was gassed and beaten by local police during Vietnam protests at UC Santa Barbara. After that, Demarco took a break from protesting until late 2001, when Sept. 11 and Bush's subsequent war policies prompted him to start speaking out once again.

Justin Mary, a psychology junior, said when he toured Europe and participated in the U.S. election protests, he was surprised at how often Europeans stage demonstrations. Mary said he was also shocked at how little attention the protests received from the U.S. media.

"Our kids have been taught that the government machine can't be changed," he said. Mary said he hopes young people will realize that speaking out can catalyze change.

This was Bush's second tour of the Sacramento region while in office – his first was in 2001. The president's weekend also included a Friday visit to the Bay Area and a bike ride through Napa Valley. At both stops, Bush was met by supporters and protesters.

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A Sacramento police officer stands between two groups of protesters, many holding signs, during President Bush's Saturday visit to West Sacramento.

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Interns paint town green

Program works with local businesses to protect environment

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Student interns at the Sacramento Business Environmental Resource Center are cleaning up the environment by guiding businesses to adopt environmentally friendly practices.

Through its Sacramento Area Green Business Program, the resource center helps businesses comply with and understand local, state and federal environmental regulations, while helping businesses become concerned with the way their operations effect the environment.

"BERC's actually really cool, I didn't really know how helpful it really was until I started to work there," said Krystel Bell, a Sacramento State intern with the Green Business program. "It's really scary once (businesses) get cited – you can get cited for like $5,000."

Of the five employees working on the staff of the Green Business Program, four are college interns, and three are Sac State students.

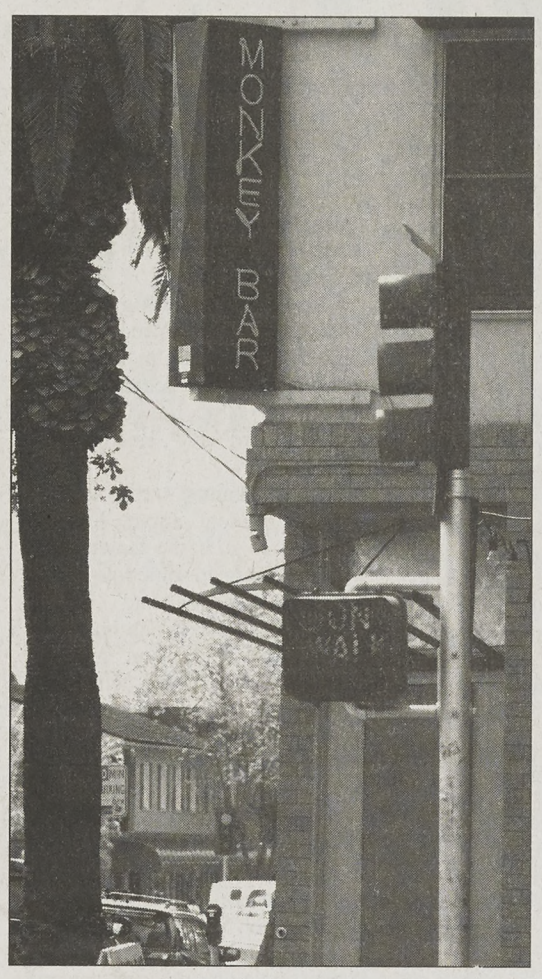
The program follows a checklist to help business owners implement new standards that will help them conserve energy, water and, ultimately, money while polluting less.

Bell, who plans to graduate with her degree in environmental studies with an anthropology minor in December, said she helps business owners understand the checklist and fields any questions they have about it.

"What I do is I'm the main point of contact for the Green Business Program, so I coach them through," Bell said. "I answer any questions that they have about our checklist, so I can give them advice on what would be better for them to implement, or if we can't find stuff for them to implement, we can work with them."

Bell said she recommends different courses of action for businesses, such as promoting carpooling and light rail for employees, while choosing the best chemicals to use and integrating recycled products into use.

"When the process is almost over I can do pollution assessments," Bell said. "What that does is catalog all the chemicals they use, and what I do is to find out all the hazardous materials in that, then look for alternative cleaners."



Monkey Bar, located on Capitol and 28th streets, is one of the establishments that is working with the Green Business Program to become more environmentally friendly.

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Aside from her work at the Green Business Program, Bell has her hands full – she's currently taking 19 units.

"It's a lot of work, but it's stuff that you can handle, it's not like you're getting buried in work. It's more larger projects, and you can work on things simultaneously," Bell said.

One of the green businesses is Café Bernardo, located on the corner of 28th Street and Capitol Avenue, which Bell has helped adopt napkins made of recycled paper, pay attention to gas usage, teach employees about what is recyclable, turning off their burners at night, using low-mercury fluorescent light bulbs, using organic produce and using a pollution-free soap made from lava ash.

Shannon Berg, chef at the restaurant, said once people start implementing environmentally safe and energy reducing procedures, people don't want to stop.

"You just want to keep going – it's a high," Berg said.

The café has saved around $90 a month on their energy and gas bill.

For meeting the criteria of being a green business, the businesses receive free advertising on the program's web page and through newsletters.

Alicia Lampley, an environmental studies major and president of the Environmental Student Organization and who plans to graduate next month, is also an intern at the program.

"I do work between Green Business and also I do work with BERC (Sacramento Business Environmental Resource Center) on research client side jobs," Lampley said. "Anyone who calls in with any kind of question, even if it's not directly environmentally related, and they are homeowners or businesses – we'll answer their questions."

The interns must know a lot about pollution and the environment because the questions range from household hazardous wastes to fermenting.

"I also get projects that build our databases so we can answer questions easier for topics like what recyclables are accepted by the city or who might take asbestos in the county."

Although she's graduating, Lampley plans to stay on with the program for at least six more months since she likes the program so much.

Lampley and Bell both said they were able to get the internship by simply applying – they didn't need any special experience, just an interest in the environment

"I've been doing this for seven months now," Lampley said. "I got the job from the first president of the Environmental Students Organization."

Since working at the program, Bell says she's seen the program grow.

"It's actually really taking off, we get phone calls every day, but unfortunately there are only four people working on it and not full time," Bell said.

"There are so many aspects to changing the way you do business or even just live your every day life – you can take so many simple steps and make a huge difference"

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DegreeQuest's launch date pushed back to fall 2006

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DegreeQuest, a digital directory created by the Sacramento State Office of Institutional Research to help students navigate more effectively through their degrees, should be available to students as soon as fall 2006, said Chao Vang, information technology consultant for Academic Affairs.

The program, which was originally set to open this semester, was put off because the work to create the program has to be done in addition to other institutional research projects, Vang said.

DegreeQuest, a free service that allows students to plan their undergraduate careers, provides students with a semester-by-semester projection of what they should take. To use the program, students will enter a catalog year, degree level, major and how many units they plan to enroll in each semester.

"The purpose is to help students speed up the graduation process," said Mike Lee, associate vice president and dean for Academic Programs.

DegreeQuest also makes room for including advanced placement courses taken in high school, allowing freshmen to eliminate redundancy, Lee said. The program provides flexibility in allowing students and parents to try different major scenarios to compare timelines and courses.

"It's a great tool for freshmen, continuing students, parents and all those who are considering coming to Sac State," Lee said.

Farah Naqvi, a junior, said the program will be an effective tool for students who need direction regarding their majors.

"It's a good way to keep students on track," Naqvi said. "I would use this program to give me the right idea, but still have my academic advisor double check it."

Even though the program will lay out the courses students will need to graduate, academic advisors would still be required to advise students on degree electives.

"Only a student's advisor can specifically say which electives are appropriate," Vang said.

Currently, the program is still in its development phase. DegreeQuest has already programmed seven majors, including Child Development, Communications Studies, Marketing and Computer Engineering. "We tried to start out with some of the most complicated majors," Vang said.

The seven majors will be tested and approved by their departments before they are released for student access, Lee said.

Over the summer, Academic Affairs will gather focus groups for a trial period and ready the program for its release in the fall, Vang said.

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GE: President approval needed for new policy

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ize this until they near graduation, which may be too late, Wheeler said.

"We try to help these students as much as possible, by substituting classes, but sometimes they have to come back for summer or another semester," Wheeler said.

With the new policy, students will able to overlap the courses to credit both a major and GE requirement, saving time and money, Wheeler said. This will help a considerable number of students who encounter this problem.

During the Senate meeting members debated about the specifics of the policy before passing it, with many faculty proposing amendments.

Bob Buckley, professor of computer science, said he wanted the nine GE units to only overlap in lower division courses because allowing nine units to overlap with a student's major "doesn't sound like GE to me," Buckley said.

He said the purpose of GE courses is to expose students to a well-rounded education outside of their major.

"In principle students can take all nine units in their major," Buckley said.

However, only two Sac State majors are able to fulfill all nine units of GE in their major: Social Work and Women's Studies, according to a handout distributed at the meeting.

Mike Lee, associate vice president and dean for Academic Programs, said he felt the current and suggested amendments would complicate the application of the policy. "Without the (original) proposal, it will be a nightmare," Lee said, referring to programming the policy into DegreeQuest, a degree planning program set to be ready for students this fall.

Some professors including Scott Gordon, associate professor of computer science, said he wanted to know the impact of reducing the policy to six units, down from nine.

"It would be more flexible than it is now, but it wouldn't necessarily help all of the students we're trying to help," said Tony Sheppard, associate professor in recreation and leisure studies.

Once the president has signed the proposed policy, it will go into effect immediately, Wheeler said. With Gonzalez's approval, the policy will apply to all students attending Sac State, not just new students.

"The Senate had important concerns, but I am glad to see the majority approve the new policy," Wheeler said.

Wheeler said the Gonzalez is likely to approve the policy. Wheeler said it is likely that the new plan will be approved.

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New chair for Faculty Senate

JENNA HUGHES
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Professor Michael Fitzgerald has been elected as the new chair of the Faculty Senate.

The election, which took place on Thursday, replaced Cristy Jensen as the chair.

Fitzgerald, who was the chair 10 years ago, has served on the Faculty Senate in numerous positions. He has been a statewide academic senator, a position where he served the statewide senate in Long Beach. He has also served on the Senate for the past three years on the executive committee.

The two major issues he said he plans to focus on are the workload of faculty and the junior faculty pay difference.

"We will be looking into what other CSUs are doing about these issues," said Fitzgerald, who replaces Cristy Jensen, whose term had expired.

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Michael Fitzgerald, Faculty Senate chair

Hornet editor selected

The State Hornet Publication Board selected Nate Miller as the Editor in Chief for the 2006-07 academic year, it announced on Thursday.

Miller currently serves as the features editor after having been a features reporter during the Fall 2005 semester. He joined The State Hornet during the Fall 2005 semester after three years at Sacramento City College where he was a writer, sports editor and design adviser of The Express.

TRANSIT: New RT deal being negotiated

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"Everything is open, it's a blank sheet of paper," Grant said. "We're going in with no preconceived notions."

Grant added that Sac State considers RT a partner and acknowledges that the transit service likely has valid reasons for settling on $100,000 as the amount owed.

Wiley is equally optimistic about reaching an accord.

"We hope we can work this out in short order, agree on a dollar amount, and then go forward with a future agreement," Wiley said. "This program provides tremendous value to Sac State students and RT and it's my strong belief we can reconcile the past and establish an on-going relationship."

Regardless of the amount of the refund due, Grant said a repayment plan shouldn't "harm either agency." Because the discrepancy happened over a number of years, Sac State is agreeable to receiving installments, Grant said.

"I think we can find a happy medium and make sure everyone's treated fairly," Grant said.

Wiley said that RT has yet to formulate a repayment schedule and was open to Sac State's suggestions.

Concerning the next contract, Sac State will take a more active role in verifying, earlier in the process, that the correct payments have been made, Grant said.

He compared the situation to an algebra problem – Sac State would receive the "answer" from RT but not the "work" that led to it. When the new contract is signed, the university will get the work and determine the accuracy of the answer, Grant said.

He added that Sac State is seeking a 10-year, or longer, agreement and that he has set a "soft target" of 30 days for finalizing the new contract.

ASI President Angel Barajas said he hoped to present an agreement to the student government's board by its last meeting on June 1.

That board's approval is necessary because ASI pays the student portion of the contract costs from a $7 fee that's charged to each student.

Barajas said he expects approval merely to be a formality.

"There's no conflict on this issue. ASI and the university are working together for the betterment of the students," he said.

Barajas added that the student fee would not increase. "That isn't an option at all," he said.

Students and faculty used RT 768,283 times during the fiscal year 2004-05, according to a statement from University Transportation and Parking Services.

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FACILITY: Gonzalez takes on questions

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The referendum, which was passed by 55.2 percent of student votes in spring 2004, calls for the construction of a recreation center, wellness center and events center totaling 236,000 square feet. The referendum did not mention replacing the field house.

Gonzalez said construction of the new athletic facility, which is slated to break ground in fall, was an "unintended consequence" of the project, and that he saw it as "just another phase of the project."

Gonzalez added that another factor causing confusion is that an arena may be constructed separately from the recreation wellness and events center – with the events center to be located in the recreation and wellness center and the arena to be placed east of Hornet Stadium.

Gonzalez said a "public-private partnership" is the only way to pay for the arena because it cannot be built with student fees. He said he has already been in contact with three different parties who are interested in developing a public-private partnership to build the arena.

Nicki Croly, former ASI director of education, said she campaigned for the facility in 2004 under the impression that features like a bowling alley, movie theater and arena were a part of the project.

John Kincaid, ASI graduate director, said he needs clarification on what the facility will consist of. "What we voted on is different than what we're seeing now," Kincaid said.

Kincaid added that students voted on the referendum based on information handed out during its campaign. He said the originally estimated $73 million construction cost and the facility's amenities were included in pamphlets.

Gonzalez said information given to students was from two separate campaigns, neither of which was affiliated with administration.

Gonzalez said the figure came from consultants hired by the University Student Union – a six-person committee including members from ASI, the University Union board and Recreational Sports.

The committee's role was to provide student input for the amenities to go in the center, but it was disassembled sometime within the 2004-05 school year.

"I think you're misconstruing what the $73 million means," Gonzalez said. "This is what (The University Student Union) came up with it. It wasn't my figure. I have to rely on what they did on the referendum."

Leslie Davis, director of the University Union, said the original estimated cost was determined by square footage, inflation rates and cost of steel. Davis said the price has gone up because of recent events, including the high demand for steel in China and damage from Hurricane Katrina.

However, Clifford Hawley, ASI director of natural sciences and mathematics, said the project still does not seem to feature what was "sold" to the students during campaigns. Hawley said one of the major selling points of the campaigns was that a facility would be constructed for the university's Division I basketball team.

Gonzalez quickly assured that he did not sell anything to the students.

"I didn't sell anything," Gonzalez said. "The only thing I did was say 'the students need this and I'm going to be behind the students. Not only that, I've been out raising money, and now I'm being accused of selling something to the students."

Davis said neither the University Union nor the administration sold anything to the students. Davis said there were two separate campaigns: "Get a (Campus) Life," which ran by students and "Educate Yourself," ran by the University Union.

"The University Union never took a position – pro or con – on any part of this project because we ran an 'educate yourself' campaign," Davis said. "We could never promise anything."

According to the University Union's pamphlet, the slogan stated, "The choice is yours." The pamphlet provided information on what "features of the facility are likely to include," such as an indoor pool, a rock-climbing wall, movie theater and bowling center.

A 6,500- to 8,000-seat arena was set to be a part of the events center. The event center, according the pamphlet, was likely to include other features, such as athletic locker rooms and offices and an auxiliary gym.

"The Crew," a group that was made up of students from ASI, Campus Recreation and athletes, headed a separate student-run campaign, Davis said. Barajas said he did not know about this.

The Crew handed out fliers that stated, "If you want a better sense of school pride, to improve the future of Sac State, increased campus life, more student jobs on campus and a greater recreational opportunities, plus" amenities such as a bowling center, movie theater, arena and indoor pool, "vote for RWEC," which was the original name of the project.

Graduate student James Banyai raised a question regarding the money allocated for the Broad Athletic Facility. Banyai said it should be questioned whether or not it is legal for Gonzalez to state he has risen $25 million for the recreation wellness and events center since $8.9 million of those funds will be allocated toward the athletic facility.

Gonzalez said Banyai raised a good question, and that he would look into the legality of it and let the students know. But he stated all these questions will delay the project.

"(ASI is) not trying to stall the project," said LizetteTovar, director of undeclared. She said the reason why the questions were being raised is because ASI wanted to keep the student voice open.

Gonzalez said he is willing to come back to ASI when the details of the project are finalized.

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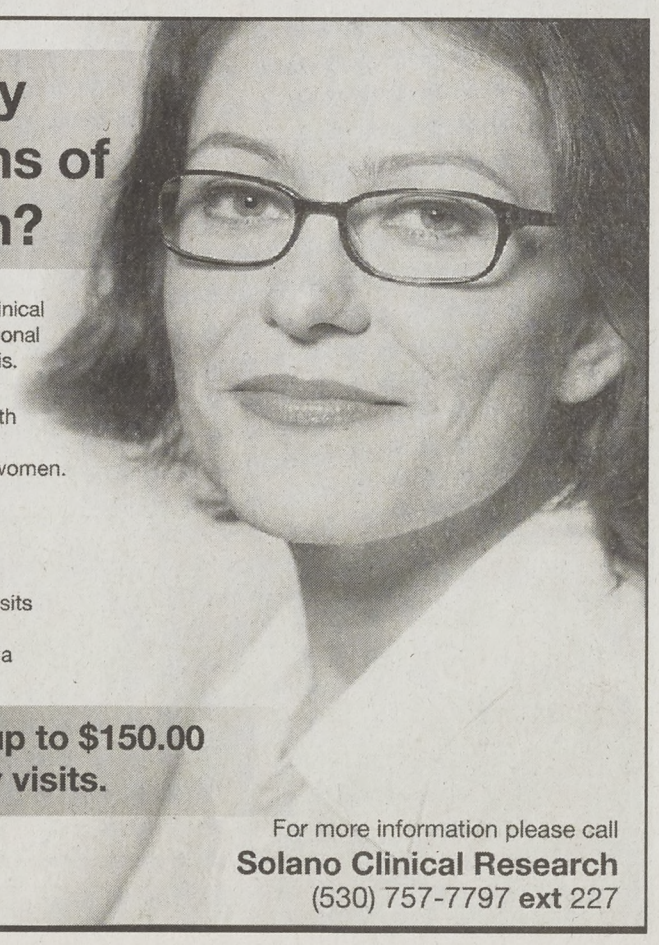
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Study Labs Needed for Night Owls

One of the hottest issues this student government election is 24-hour schedules for study centers, the library or the University Union.

Between work, school and just plain living, students often don't have time to study. Usually, they are simply told they need to make time.

What about the student who has class from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. with only enough time to grab a snack from a vending machine between classes and then has to work until 10 p.m.? This student would not be able to get to most of the resources in the Library, because it would be closed by the time work was over. The computer labs would certainly not be open. The only building they would be able to get to would be the Union, which is open until midnight five days a week.

Access to the Union after normal school hours, for many students, is useless. What they need is a computer to type their paper on. Or they need a book from the library – a book they would only be able to get if they skipped one class in order to spend time finding it and checking it out.

Or what about the student who, no matter how hard they try, can't study for an exam at home because their roommate just won't turn the music down? He or she needs a quiet place to go and cram history dates, or math formulas, or new foreign language vocabulary into their heads. The Union, while being open late, is not exactly the quietest place to go and study. The study rooms in the Library are better, but they aren't open late.

Then there is the student who, despite sticky notes everywhere and constant reminders by professors, forgot about that five-page essay that's due 10 a.m. the next day. They have two classes before that, too. This student might not have a laptop or even a desktop computer. His or her only hope is to get to a computer on campus, most of which aren't open early enough to get the paper done without skipping a few classes.

There are plenty of students at Sacramento State who find themselves in one of these situations. The easiest solution for all of them would be 24-hour study facilities.

While a 24-hour schedule would be very difficult to implement, it is not impossible. As Lenaea Sanders, a candidate for vice president of academic affairs, suggested, the change could start with one or two days of 24-hour services, to test how well it would work. If it was a rousing success, the number of 24-hour days could be increased.

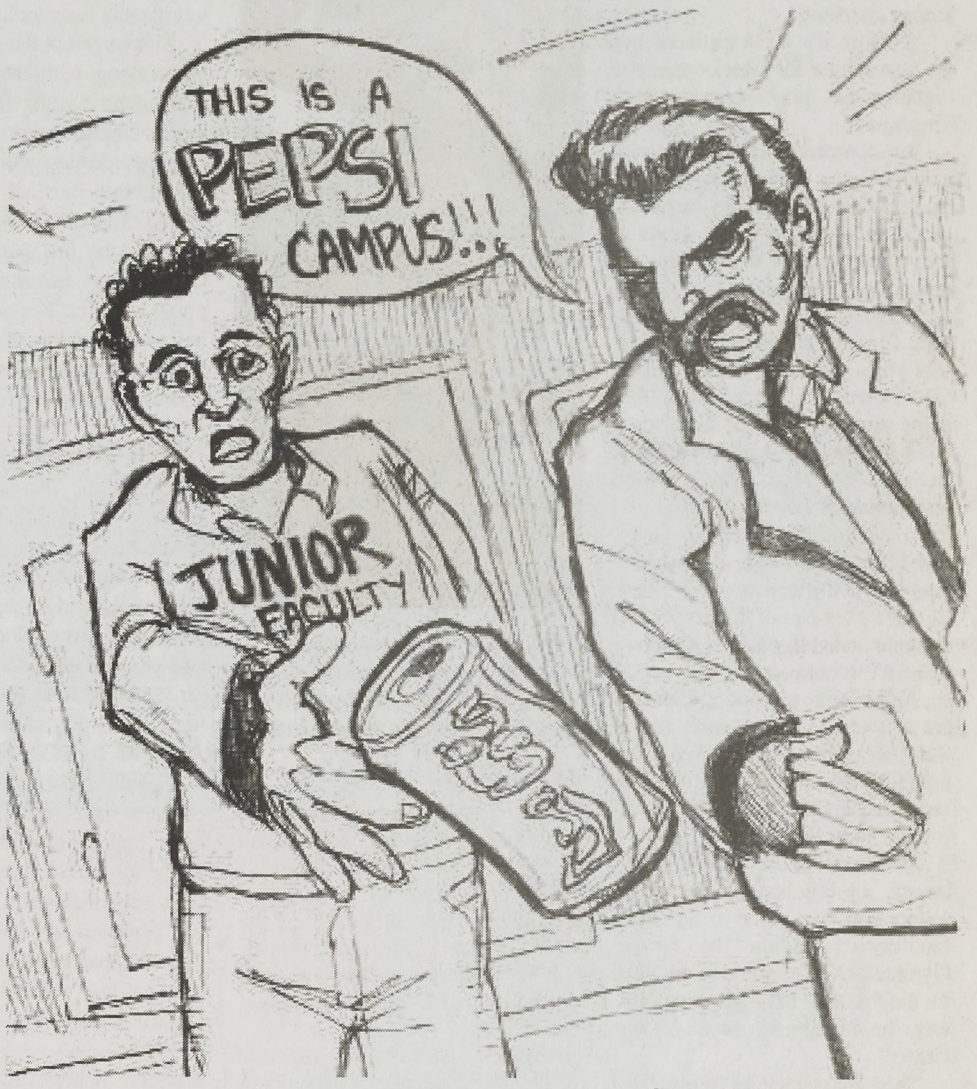
Another big issue with 24-hour facilities, especially for computer labs, is security. Someone would have to be in the labs at all times to make sure no computers are stolen.

There are alternatives, however.

Simply having the library open for longer hours would be a huge benefit. This has been suggested in the past and was blocked by funding issues. However, if the funding could be raised, longer hours for studying-related services on campus would be a big step in getting students to utilize the services on campus.

Having the library, the Union or the computer labs open 24-hours might not happen by the end of the semester, but with a little help, they might just become a reality.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



CARTOON BY MIKE AZAR/STATE HORNET

What's HOT! & What's NOT

▸ Spring has finally sprung with sunny days and climbing temperatures. The dreary days of constant rain seem to be behind us for the semester.

▸ Even in the face of the upcoming PlayStation 3, the time to buy a brand new PlayStation 2 is now. Sony has just dropped the price of this console from $149 to $129. For people who want to play today's games and not fork out a bunch of money for the next PlayStation, the time to get to the game store is now.

▸ The Hornet baseball team beat Louisiana Tech, the No. 1 team in the Western Athletic Conference, by a score of 2-1 on Sunday.

▸ Gas prices shot up toward the $3 mark over Easter weekend and have stayed there for the past week. No relief seems to be in sight. However, with improvements in weather, that bike in the garage might be usable without getting soaked.

▸ Users of ReNu contact lens drops with Moisture Loc may want to consider a different formula. The Center for Disease Control recently found that 28 people who wear contact lenses had contracted a serious cornea infection. Of that group, 21 were using the ReNu drops. Bausch & Lomb, the makers of the drops, asked retailers to temporarily halt sales of the product.

Pleasures found in parking



JEN WHITE

Every semester people complain about parking, and every week I complain about something in print, so you'd think we'd be a perfect match.

I could use this forum to complain about how horrible parking is, just like the rest of the campus, and everyone would love me!

More than they already do, of course.

The thing is, I have no problem with parking. I love it, really. The ups, the downs, the dings, the dents – they're all part of this campus's wonderful parking process.

It's a challenge that I wake up every morning ready to conquer.

I prepare for school a half an hour early so that I have enough time for the morning parking routine.

Then I zoom in the lot and make my rounds.

Just like everyone else, I have my preferred parking areas, which I swear are easier to tackle, but then, just like everyone else, I show up and find the lots full at least three times per week.

So then I creep. Yeah, just creepin' on the down low. Until I hit that perfect time when students get out of class and start filing into the parking lot with looks of exhaustion and discontent on their faces.

I pick one of these apathetic souls, and my mouth waters from the smell of victory as I follow them to their car.

Once in a while, I'll miscalculate and wind up following that stray student with the confused expression on her face. At this point, I know I'm losing the battle. She's looking around, she's talking on her phone, she's walking down the entirely wrong aisle because she has no idea where her car is, and, of course, I'm following her. Damn it.

It's okay though because that's all part of the game. Campus parking is just one big competition for me. … I never played sports in high school, OK?

The best part is that eventually everyone wins; it's just a question of how long it will take and how exasperated you will be by the time you make it to class.

Some poor saps just can't get the game part down. At the beginning of every semester they forget how it works, and they come to school 15 minutes before class and arrive in class 15 minutes late – they lose.

Then they complain about people who creep in the parking lot and they abhor those truly patient competitors who stake out spots throughout the aisles.

Some folks are so annoyed by students trying to park that they purposely weave between cars from aisle to aisle just to mess with the game.

Don't these unsympathetic students find a spot the same way? How can they be so disconnected from the plight of student parking? Everyone knows how it is!

I say, reach out to your fellow man and woman, your peers! Signal where your car is parked or signal when you're not leaving. We'll give you a ride to your car, and you'll make our day.

For heaven's sake, you know we're following you!

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Web site has become one-stop shop for jobs, sofas and illegal sex



JOSH HUGGETT

George Carlin once said about prostitution, "Why would it be illegal to sell something that is perfectly legal to give away?" Well, George, I can't really answer that, but I can tell you it's gotten a lot easier to get around the whole illegal aspect of it all.

If you've ever visited the Craigslist Web site to look for a job or a used sofa, you've probably noticed the personal ads column. If curiosity has ever gotten the best of you and you've ventured into that section you've probably found the usual "male looking for female" type ads. If you're not familiar with Craigslist, check it out. All the listings are free, and all shapes and sizes from all walks of life can be found.

The most popular feature by far on the site is the "casual encounters" section. This is no more than a bulletin board for people to advertise the opportunity for sex. The vast majority of posts are by men and many of them feature pictures of a certain body part in a certain saluted position. "I want to dominate you," one headline read. It's accompanied by a close-up glamour shot of something that should be attached to a horse.

Despite your inclinations to sneer at this type of social interaction, think about the financial opportunities to be gained by the women who peruse these ads. There are thousands of men willing to go to great lengths for a little piece. While money is rarely involved in any of the posts, there is nothing to stop someone from listing a price when corresponding in private.

This type of electronic forum is nothing more than a blatant catalyst for prostitution. The Internet has replaced the good ol' fashioned red light district with an electronic avenue for men to cruise and look for a good time. The only difference is that it's men flaunting their goods on Broadway, while women go through the daunting selection process. You classy harlots looking to get your palm greased need not to worry though, the money still flows in your favor.

Who's to stop these business moguls from selling themselves? Law enforcement is practically helpless to single out and locate those who are engaged in online sex solicitation. Many of you will cite the growing number of chat room predators being exposed for this type of conduct. But the roles of predator and prey don't apply on a public bulletin board for sex. The opportunity to uncover such a person would be limited to random chance.

Now, I don't want to seem like I'm encouraging or condoning anything that's illegal or unsafe. I just wanted to emphasize Mr. Carlin's point that it's ridiculous to make sex illegal when there is money exchanged for it. Under that logic, it's the actual exchange of money that's unlawful. If someone refused to pay a prostitute after having sex, would it then be legal? Whether or not there is payment shouldn't matter. It's the unsafe act of having sex with a human sperm toilet that the law should stress, especially in an age of rampant STI's.

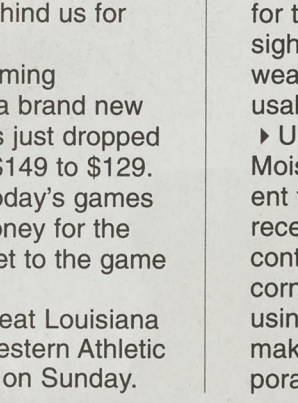
Until this issue is confronted, don't expect Craigslist to change its free love policy or non-regulatory procedure anytime soon. In the meantime, those who employ the help of the Craigslist skin gallery may get more than they bargain for.

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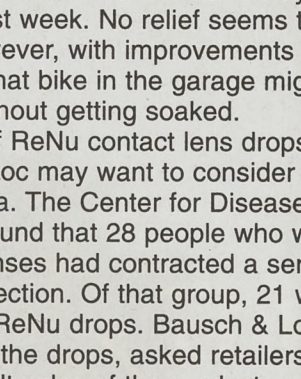
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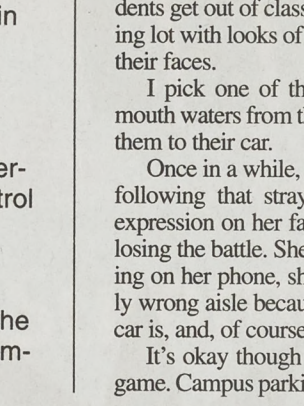
"Sometimes I kind of like to actually anger them, just for the fun of it."

Michael Chinn
Computer Engineering
Sophomore



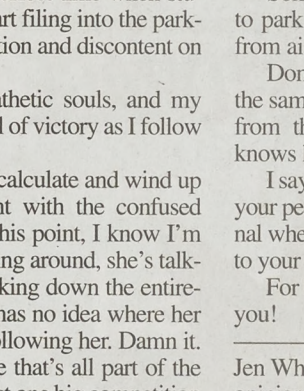
"Most times I am one."

Dustin Carlson
Liberal Studies
Junior



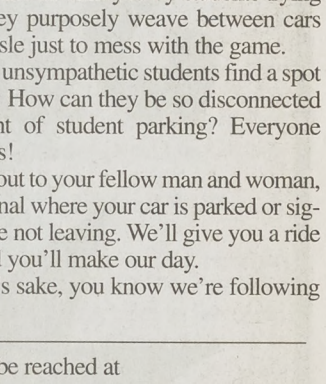
"I just avoid eye contact."

Jennifer Rossiter
Biology
Sophomore



"Those people suck."

Miles Obtinalla
Business
Sophomore



"I take light rail, so I don't have to worry about it."

Renee Robertson
Math
Junior

GREEKS: Children's hospital benifits from event

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member of Gamma Phi Beta. Both encourage friendly competition among chapters.

"I know it's a competition, but it's also a time for Greeks to come together and play some sports," Tresca said.

But competition is not the only goal for Greek Week, Tresca said. As a part of their philanthropy for Greek Week, each chapter found sponsors for its participants at the Bowl-a-thon event Tuesday. The money each chapter raised will go to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, said Megan Robison, director of Up 'Til Dawn, an organization that helps raise money for St. Jude.

A member of Gamma Phi Beta, Robison is also part of the planning committee for Greek Week and said the philanthropic goals of Greek Week help set aside the competitiveness between chapters.

"It's a big part of fraternities and sororities to give back to the community," Robison said.

Along with promoting communal activities among chapters, one of the other goals of Greek Week is to highlight the different facilities and services Sac State has to offer to the student body, Ruble said.

Working with Recreational Sports, all but one of the Greek events will take place in Sac State facilities, including the Hornet Gymnasium, intramural fields and, for the first time in Greek events history, the Sacramento State Aquatic Center.

"Sac State has a lot to offer that students don't normally use," Ruble said.



ANDREW NIXON/STATE HORNET

Nick Portoff waves his Pi Kappa Alpha flag at the aquatic center during Sunday's Greek Week events.

The games began with the soccer tournament on Friday, then softball on Saturday and events at the aquatic center on Sunday. The events rounding out the weekend were the hydro-bike relay race, the two-person kayak relay race, the cable walk challenge course and the Canoe tug-o-war.

Monday, each chapter competed in the trivia challenge College Bowl, Tuesday leisure sports at Country Club Lanes included the Bowl-a-thon for charity as well as darts, foosball and pool. The basketball tournament is on today.

Thursday will feature the chariot races along with the flag football tournament for the fraternities and the volleyball tournament for the sororities. Friday will have the last event, the musical performance event Greek Sing.

After the first two days, Sigma Chi led the fraternities with 380 points and Tau Kappa Epsilon was in 2nd place with 360 points. Alpha Phi led the sororities with 400 points and Chi Delta was second with 360 points.

To help fund the events for Greek Week, both Tresca and Ruble applied for grants through ASI, funds granted for club and organization events and the Jesse Snow Memorial Fund to pay for events at the aquatic center. These funds were available as long as Greek Week was run as a non-alcoholic event, according to program advisor for Student Activities Tom Carroll.

Carroll said that he hopes all chapters have fun in the competitions and commends Tresca and Ruble for the job they have done in organizing this year's games.

"Matt and Kim have done a great job this year and (began planning) earlier this year than the year before," Carroll said.

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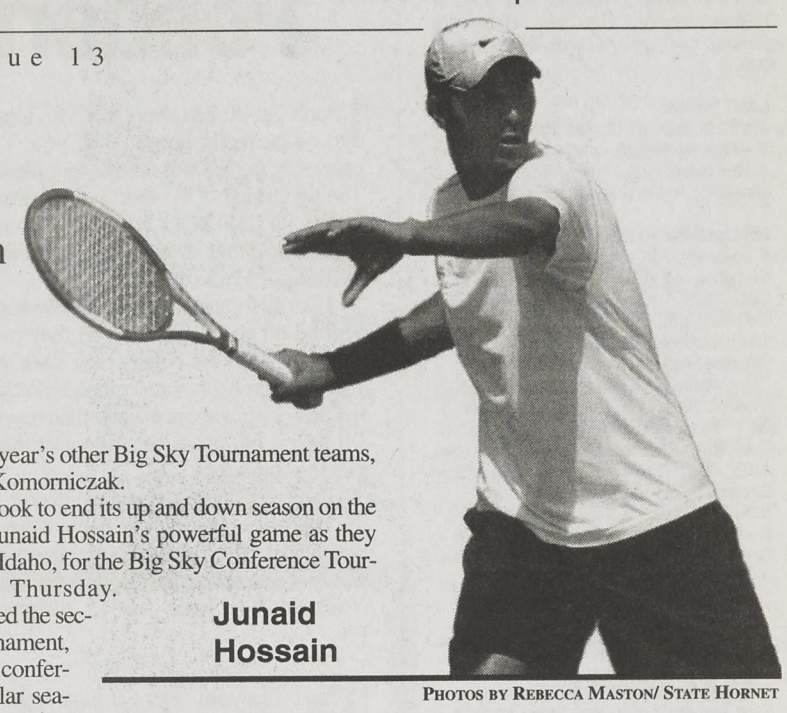
State Hornet ponders the NFL Draft – and Mel Kiper Jr.'s hair

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Riding Sky High



Margarita Karnaukhova



Junaid Hossain

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BIG SKY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women looking for fifth-straight title

Josh Terrell
State Hornet

The No. 62-ranked Hornets finished with a 6-0 conference record and are heavily favored to repeat as champions. Senior Margarita Karnaukhova is a veteran of post-season play, winning every Big Sky Tournament match she's played in three seasons. The three-time and reigning Big Sky MVP has confidence in her team's chances this year, despite the relative inexperience of this season's squad.

"There should be no problem, really. Everybody who's in our conference we've beat. I'm not worried," Karnaukhova said.

A tournament victory would earn Sacramento State an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament, which begins May 12. With six of the team's eight players being freshman, coach Bill Campbell and Karnaukhova said they wondered if the team is fully aware of what is at stake.

"I don't think they know that if they don't win (the Big Sky Cham-

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2006 RECORDS

Margarita Karnaukhova	9 - 6
Luba Schifris	10 - 10
Joyce Martinez Gutierrez	9 - 5
Karina Jarlkaganova	9 - 10
Cecilia Helland	14 - 6
Anastassia Lyssenko	5 - 7
Svetlana Pimenova	9 - 5
Irina Taranenko	3 - 2

Second-place men seek return to top

Benn Hodapp
State Hornet

"We're going to win."

That is the message for this year's other Big Sky Tournament teams, as summed up by senior Paul Komorniczak.

The team will look to end its up and down season on the high end behind Junaid Hossain's powerful game as they head to Pocatello, Idaho, for the Big Sky Conference Tournament on Thursday.

Sac State (12-10, 5-1) grabbed the second seed in the six-team tournament, earning a first round bye. The conference's top finisher in the regular season is two-time defending champion Montana State (13-11, 5-1), who also earned a bye.

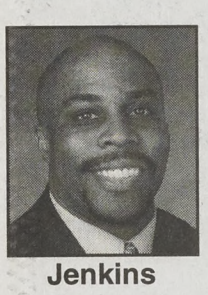
Montana State was beaten by No. 3 seed Montana (9-10, 4-2) on Saturday, snapping the Bobcats' 19-match conference winning streak. Montana State won the tiebreaker with the Hornets because of the Bobcats' 7-0 victory over Sac State earlier this season.

Rounding out the tournament bracket are No. 4 seed Eastern Washington (9-7, 3-3), No. 5 seed Idaho State (10-11, 2-3) and No. 6 seed North-

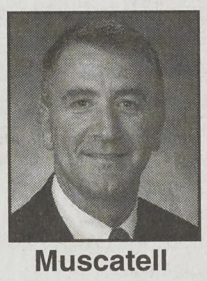
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2006 RECORDS

Junaid Hossain	11 - 11
Gabriel Loredo	15 - 7
Warwick Foy	13 - 9
Thomas Morton	8 - 12
Ramon Perez	11 - 10
Hague Van Dillen	7 - 14
Paul Komorniczak	2 - 2



Jenkins



Muscatell

Hoops coaches' contracts extended

Armando Botello II
State Hornet

Women's basketball head coach Dan Muscatell and men's basketball head coach Jerome Jenkins were both given contract extensions to 2008, Sacramento State athletic director Terry Wanless announced Friday.

The men's team is coming off its best season in Division I history with a 15-15 overall record and four consecutive Big Sky Conference Tournament appearances. The women's team, although failing to make the conference tourney, managed to complete the season with its best record in 10 years (9-17).

"We're disappointed in not being able to make the Big Sky conference tournament this year but we feel like the program is moving in a positive direction and we're excited for the future," Muscatell said. "It's nice to know that the people in charge feel like we're doing the right things."

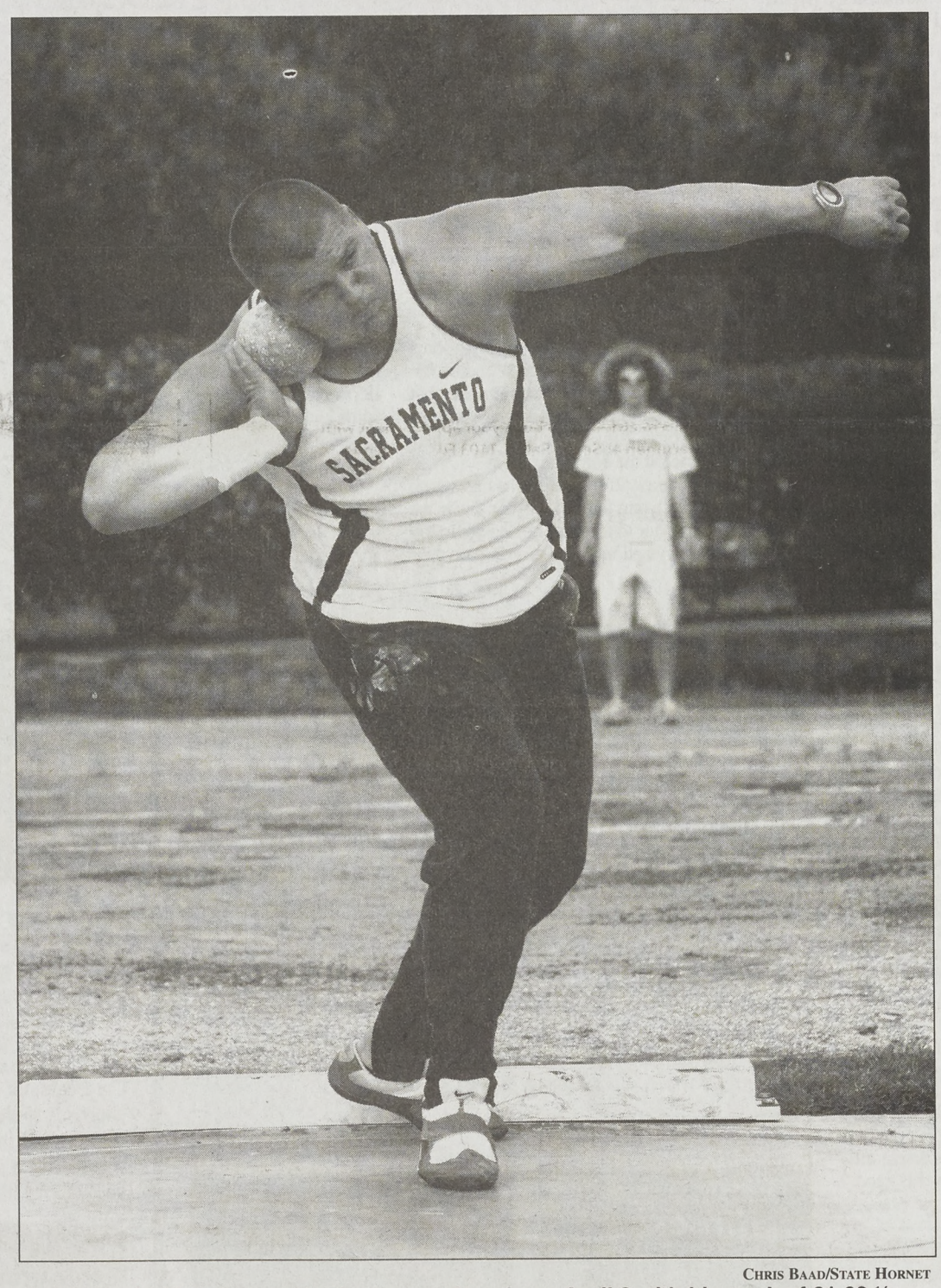
Those "right things" include Muscatell's team having the second-highest cumulative GPA (3.13) in Sac State athletics and improving the teams overall record for the second straight season.

"You want to improve yourself each and every year and that's clearly what we're working toward and trying to do," Muscatell said.

Under the leadership of Jenkins, the men's basketball program has improved every year since he became coach in 2000. His first year as coach the men's team finished 5-22 overall and 2-12 in the Big Sky. Skip to 2005 and his team was being named by Sports Illustrated to reach the NCAA Tournament, marking the first time that the magazine had selected Sac State to reach the tournament.

The Hornets failed to win the Big Sky and advance to the NCAA Tourney, but they did make some noise in the process. DaShawn Freeman and Alex Bausley both received all-Big Sky conference honors with Loren Leath receiving an honorable mention. Freeman and Bausley each received two Big Sky Player of the Week awards last season which set a school record.

Nichols setting the standard



Chris Baad/State Hornet

Junior David Nichols won the Causeway Classic on April 8 with his mark of 61-02 ¼.

Hornet thrower leading swarm toward Big Sky Championships

Robert Alvis
State Hornet

A quarter of an inch – thinner than a Razor cell phone. One-tenth of a second – a blink of an eye. That's what can make the difference between going to the Big Sky Championships and staying at home.

Many Sacramento State track and field athletes will be entering the final two regular season meets, both at home, trying to hit qualifying marks to advance to the Big Sky Championships. Others are trying for much more.

All-American David Nichols, a junior, doesn't need to worry about qualifying in the shot put. He did that back in March when he not only qualified for the May 10-13 Big Sky Championships, but the May 26-27 NCAA West Regional Championships as well.

Nichols, whose longest put this year is 61 feet, 8 1/4 inches, said he is searching for consistency heading into Saturday's Sacramento Invitational.

"I'm not happy with my timing," he said.

Eight other Hornets have qualified for the NCAA West Regional Championships: Raphael McFarlane, long jump; Andre Wright, 110 hurdles; Daniel Imlach, pole vault; Chris Kirkwood, javelin; Roshena Duree, 100 hurdles; Lori Vaught, long jump; Ashley Arbuckle, shot put; and Liz Parsley, javelin.

The top three finishers in each western regional event automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships, scheduled for June 7-10 at Sac State.

Nichols said he will stop his weight training after the May 6 Modesto Relays to prepare for the Big Sky and NCAA championships. The shot putter is one in a small group of Hornets who will compete in Modesto instead of the May 5 Sacramento State Open.

"I am trying to peak at the end of the season," Nichols said.

Last season Nichols broke the school's shot put record at the Big Sky Championships with a 62-5 ¼ mark. That mark was good for the 14th best by an NCAA athlete last year.

"Dave is a great athlete. He is passionate about what he does," track director Kathleen Raske said. "He is a man with big dreams and a big future."

While track is mostly an individual sport, this Saturday's meet will be team scoring.

Raske said Nichols' enthusiasm helps his team. "His fire can be contagious," she said.

Raske also said running on one of the fastest tracks in the world at Sac State and not having to travel should help some of the track athletes meet qualifying times.

The first chance for those athletes comes Saturday. The final chance before the Big Sky Championships will come at the Sacramento State Open.

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Rowing to host championships

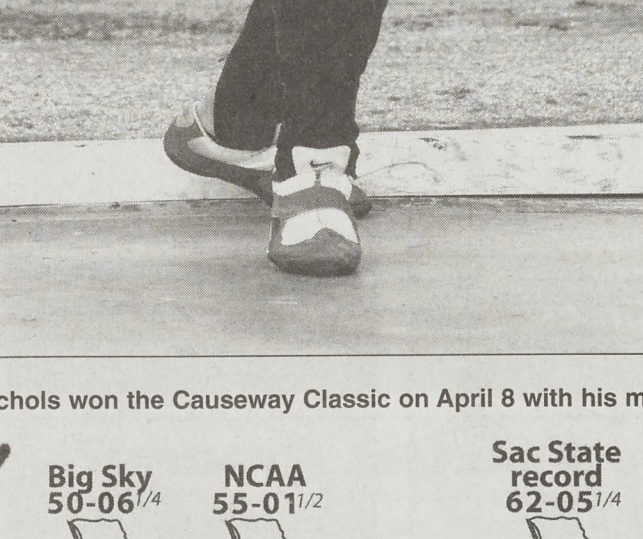
Armando Botello II
State Hornet

Early morning winds gently caressed the surface of Lake Natoma on Saturday while the women's rowing varsity eight boat pounded the water with its oars defeating Long Beach State in a dual meet, keeping the Hornets undefeated in such meets dating back to 2003.

All three of the Hornets' eights competed in Saturday's races with the second varsity eight also finishing ahead of Long Beach State. The Hornets' novice eight finished six seconds after the 49ers.

Long Beach served as preparation for Saturday and Sunday's Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships at Lake Natoma. In all aspects of life, the best way to prepare for something is to try hard to do your best, which is exactly what the varsity eight did Saturday when they posted their best time of the season (6:40.6).

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Peter McCollough/State Hornet

Sophomores Aimee Chenard, left, and Meghyn Cox help guide the varsity eight to victory on Saturday.

Pitcher wins first start over conference leaders

Paul Rice
State Hornet

In his first start of the season, facing a Western Athletic Conference-leading Louisiana Tech team with a powerhouse offense that had scored 20 runs in the last two games, Sacramento State pitcher John Schlager couldn't have picked a better time to turn into a surprise hero.

Schlager, the Hornet lefty who had made just 10 appearances all season, shut down the first-place Bulldogs on Sunday, allowing just one run and seven hits while striking out nine batters in eight innings as Sac State recorded a 2-1 victory at Hornet Field. The win was Schlager's first of the year and it gave the Hornets the series win over the Bulldogs, pushing their record to 19-24 and 8-7 in the WAC.

After the two teams split the first two games of the series, Sac State coach John Smith decided to hand the ball to Schlager, who had pitched nine innings in the season, for what may have been the most important game of the year.

"I was a little nervous," Schlager said. "I gave up that double to the first

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WEEKLY ROUNDUP

BASEBALL

NEXT: at Hawai'i, Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at Hawai'i, Saturday, 6:30 p.m., at Hawai'i, Sunday, 1 p.m., vs UC Davis, Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK:
April 18, Stanford 12, Sac State 5
E – Dye, M; August; Jelmini. DP – Cardinal 1. 2B – Spurling, D; Flores, D; Strombach, J; Minaker 2; Hester; Lewis 2. SB – Watanabe, T.
Fri, Louisiana 10, Sac State 7
E – Ramon, A; Cummins, P(3); Atrat, K(2); Campbell, M(1). DP – Hornets 1. 2B – Cobb, A(8); Jones, J(8); Hudson, B(6); Goulder, A(8); Morales, B(10); Flores, D 2(12); Conradi, B(7). HR – Hamilton, R(3).
Sat, Sac State 11, Louisiana 10 (11)
E – Hudson, B(2); Winn, K(2); Boyce, M(4); Morales, B(4). DP – Bulldogs 1; Hornets 1. 2B – Johnson, G.(10); Strombach, J(11); Dye, M(4); Spurling, D(2). HR – Goulder, A(5); Rike, B(8); McCarthy, J(1). SB – Strombach, J(10); Blauser, B(1)
Sun, Sac State 2, Louisiana 1
E – McCarthy, J(11). DP – Bulldogs 1. 2B – Cobb, A(9); Morales, B(11). HR – Jones, J(13); Conradi, B(2).
Tue, Sac State vs UC Davis, n

SOFTBALL

NEXT: at Nevada (2), Today, 1 p.m., at Saint Mary's (2), Saturday, Noon, at Saint Mary's (2), Sunday, Noon.

LAST WEEK:
Wed, Sac State 5, UC Davis 3
E – Loomis, W.; Paine; Valley; Stauder. 2B – Winkler, L. HR – Johnson. SB – Winkler, L.; Toledo, G.; Stauder.
Wed, Sac State 4, UC Davis 3 (8)
E – Valley. DP – UC Davis 2. 2B – Winkler, L. 3B – Toledo, G. HR – Toledo, G.
Sat, Sac State 6, San Diego 2
E – Miles, R. (2); Nunes, A. (2). DP – Sac 1. 2B – Cinque, N.; Miles, R. (2); Caoagan, T.; Valenzuela. 3B – Mason, S. HR – Schloredt, J.
Sat, San Diego 4, Sac State 2
E – Haake, C. DP – Sac 1. 2B – Schloredt, J; Cinque, N. 2; Mason, S; Fritsch, V. SB – Johnson, H.; Nunes, A.
Sun, San Diego 9, Sac State 8
E – Nunes, A; Bonja, K; Fryou, J. 2B – McFarland, G; Schloredt, J; Caoagan, T. (2). 3B – Nunes, A. HR – McKenzie, A. SB – Winkler, L.
Sun, Sac State 3, San Diego 0
E - Massei, A; Haake, C. 2B – Crine, B.

MEN'S TENNIS

NEXT: at Big Sky Tournament (Pocatello, Idaho), April 27 - 29.
LAST WEEK:
Thu, Sac State 4, Fresno Pacific 3
Sat, Cal Poly 6, Sac State 1

WOMEN'S TENNIS

NEXT: at Big Sky Tournament (Pocatello, Idaho), April 27 - 29.
LAST WEEK:
Thu, Stanford 7, Sac State 0

WOMEN'S ROWING

NEXT: Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships, Lake Natoma, Saturday
LAST WEEK:
Sat, Sac State 6:40.6, Long Beach 6:56.3

On 2nd Thought.

Pondering NFL Draft Day ...



BENN HODAPP

Reason to smile

I don't get excited about the NFL Draft, to be perfectly honest with you. The pageantry is nice and all that, but please. The first round of the draft lasts approximately 965,000 hours and I've got more important things to do. Well, not really, but things I like to do more.

Luckily for me, my favorite team sucks beyond all comprehension so they pick early on. After the Niners pick sixth this year I will probably turn it off and go about my business for about a week, then maybe I'll turn it on just in time to catch them picking again at No. 22.

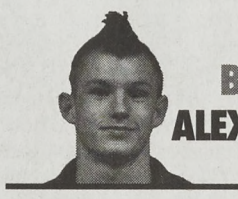
I am very interested in the outcome of the draft of course. I just don't want to watch Mel 'The Talking Can of Pomade' Kiper Jr. talk about the long snapper from Youngstown State for 45 minutes.

This year I hope the Niners have a shot at linebacker A.J. Hawk from Ohio State with their first pick. From what I hear he may very well drop to that spot, and I think he looks like a guy who is capable of completely turning around a defense for a team.

Now that I have the only pick I really care about out of the way, I'll talk about the five-headed monster at the top of the draft. Quarterbacks Vince Young and Matt Leinart, running back Reggie Bush, defensive end Mario Williams and offensive tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson will be the top five picks. There is no question.

I am not sold on Reggie Bush. Yes, he was spastically unstoppable in college, but so was Rashaan Salaam about 10 years back. Could Bush be great in the NFL? Absolutely. However, you cannot skip over Vince Young if you are the Texans. Hometown boy just won the national championship at Texas. You must take him.

Young will make the team better and will sell tickets all over the place. Plus the Texans already have one of the better backs in the league in Domanick Davis. Current quarterback David Carr is garbage and the Young pick just makes sense. Oh, and the name D'Brickashaw makes me smile.



BRAD ALEXANDER

Why I watch ...

The NFL Draft is two things: important to watch and a big soap opera. The draft is the first chance we get to even give the 2006-2007 season a real consideration. The new lineups are being debated and it's a great chance for Mel Kiper Jr. to look superior to every other NFL analyst. Kiper Jr.'s hair is so big it could probably throw on a pair of pads, sack Vince Young and throw a pass to Randy Moss in the same play.

Most people are trying to find out if Bush is going to the Texans, if the Jets will pick up Leinart and if the Titans will get the overrated Young as a new gunslinger.

These aren't reasons why I'm going to be watching the ridiculously hyped ESPN showcase. I'm looking farther down the draft.

The reason why I like the draft is because it is a rare chance to see linemen, safeties and halfbacks that didn't get enough airtime during the regular NCAA season.

Speaking of which, ESPN featured Haloti Ngata from Oregon on Monday. I watched a handle full of Oregon games throughout this past season and this kid could knock down a bank vault door if there was a quarterback on the other side. We spent all 2005-2006 talking about the return of the quarterback in Young and Leinart, while Bush broke down doors as a sophomore. Linemen are the ones who allow these guys to break records and dazzle audiences. The draft is a rare chance for people to pay attention to how much individual skills affect the game of football.

Anyone can hold a football while running up field (OK, Reggie Bush does it better than most), but who can beat a man the size of giant while chasing a wiry quarterback around the backfield?

However, I may eat my words, since last year's most productive pick in the top five was running back Cadillac Williams. Maybe this year the fat guys will make a difference.



JOSH OATES

Anti-Kiper

Well the NFL Draft is finally happening Saturday, and I couldn't be happier. No, I'm not happy because the Niners are going to get two first round studs, I'm happy because for the last three months I have been drowned by useless information from ESPN's draft guru Mel Kiper Jr. about why Steve No-name from a D-III school in Nowhere, Maine, could be a sleeper for the Jets in Round 7, and I am flat out tired of it.

Kiper has worn out his welcome in my sports world. I can only take so much of the "his stock is rising, his stock is falling" mumbo-jumbo before I snap. I haven't been able to watch ESPN for two weeks because at every moment there he is with his mopped up hair feeding me more and more of the same.

Kiper is like John Madden and Dick Vitale. You can only stand him for so long. With Madden and Vitale you endure because they only show up on game day, but Kiper is there everyday feeding us every tidbit of some 20-year old prospect's performance at the combine.

I honestly think Kiper has so much power with fans this time of year, that in the months prior to the draft he decides to toy with every option just to keep fans on their toes. One week it's, "Reggie Bush is a Texan for sure." The next it's, "Vince Young is the best fit in Houston." Now it's, "The Texans are toying with the option of Mario Williams at the first pick." Come draft day fans heads are spinning so much from his prognostication that they clap and smile for whomever their team chooses.

That's why this year Kiper has motivated me not to watch the draft. I already have so much information that the excitement for me is gone. Sure there will be flops and maybe a few teams will trade some picks, but I know that I will be able to catch my buddy Mel on the 11 p.m. Sportscenter explaining every move.

Oh, and in case you were wondering Mel Kiper Jr. says: Bush goes to the Texans at No. 1, Davis to the Niners at No. 6, and Vince Young to the Raiders at No. 7.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's golf third in Big Sky

Junior Margaux Sheehan and sophomore Heather LeMaster led the Sacramento State women's gold team to a third place finish at the Big Sky Conference Championships, while Montana led the tourney in each round. Coach Adam Pohll was disappointed missing out on a second place finish by one stroke, but Pohll found little else to complain about.

"Last year we finished sixth and the year before seventh, so third place was excellent," Pohll said after Thursday's final round. "The final day was our strongest day."

Thursday, the Hornets shot 295 as a team, the lowest round for any team for the tournament and 13 strokes lower than the team's Tuesday round.

"We knew what we had to do in that final round," Pohll said. "This was a huge year for us," Pohll said.

Individually, Sheehan was in sixth place after the first two rounds, with rounds of 76 and 75 respectively. But the sophomore, LeMaster, took over on the third day, tying the lowest round of the tournament with 70. LeMaster finished the tournament tied for sixth and Sheehan tied for 13th.

The women's team had no seniors this year and contributed to over two dozen broken records between the two golf teams (men's and women's).

– Brad Alexander

Campbell taking new position

After eight seasons as the women's tennis head coach, Bill Campbell will be stepping down to become the director of tennis next year. Current assistant coach Dzmitry 'Dima' Hrynashka will assume the head coach position.

"It's a position that we created this last fall," Campbell said. "I had recently been thinking I wouldn't be head coach next year, and we were talking about how I could stay involved. We decided the director of tennis would be needed the most."

The volunteer position will have Campbell supervising both the men's and women's head coaches, helping with recruiting and working with the assistant coaches on all the required paperwork.

"I've gotten pretty good at it over the years," Campbell said.

Campbell led the team out of the Big Sky cellar and onto the national stage. After finishing 1-15 in 1999, his first season, his team made it into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's national rankings in 2002, where they've been ever since. Placing as high as No. 28 in 2002, the Hornets are currently ranked No. 62. Campbell's overall record stands at 111-69.

His accolades include four consecutive Big Sky Coach of the Year Awards and Big Sky conference team championships.

"I'm looking forward to it … I could do this for another 10 to 15 years if it works out," he said

– Josh Terrell

ROWING: No gold since '01

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Had the Hornets posted that time in last year's WIRA Championships, they would have finished five seconds before Gonzaga, which took home the gold with a time of 6:45.7.

"I think the most important thing (this weekend) is that we finally have an opportunity for all three boats to place in first as long as we race to the best of our abilities," senior Steffanie Jakovac said. "If we do not place first we are going down fighting, we are going to fight so hard for this race."

The Hornets haven't placed first in the WIRA Championships since 2001 and for the four seniors on the varsity eight, it's the last chance they have at winning their conference.

"It's pretty much going to be a dogfight," Jakovac said.

Since the WIRA is the race that the team prepares for all year long, there is much anticipation for the regatta, but junior Janine LaCrosse explained this year's crew has built the most unity throughout her years at Sac State quelling any fears about the race.

This is the tightest boat that we've ever had."

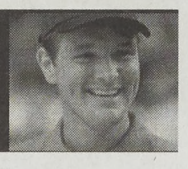
Janine Lacrosse, junior

"This is the tightest boat that we've ever had," LaCrosse said. "We're all really close, all really good friends and we know what it's going to take to win."

"There's a lot of unity on our team right now and we all have a positive attitude going into this race," Jakovac added.

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HORNETS: Team focused

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pionship), we won't make it to the NCAA," Campbell said. "There's so many freshman, they haven't been through this before."

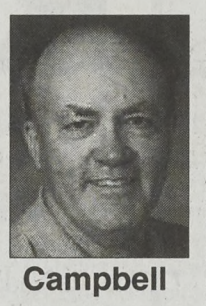
"I don't think they really understand what it is yet, like it's going to be another dual match, not the tournament," Karnaukhova said. " They don't know that we used to struggle to win the conference."

Northern Arizona finished 4-2 in conference and gave the team their toughest conference fight this season, losing 5-2.

The two points were the first given up to a conference foe by the Hornets since Jan. 24, 2003, when, coincidentally, the team beat Northern Arizona 5-2.

Northern Arizona's first-year head coach Kim Bruno knows her team faces an uphill battle at the tournament, but struck an optimistic tone when discussing her team's chances for a championship.

"Everyone knows that Sac State is very good. For the last four years, (the Hornets) basically dominated," Bruno said. "We really have nothing to lose. Sometimes it's easier to play really well when you're not the favorites."



Campbell

Having won the tournament four consecutive years and picked to win it again this year, it would be easy for the Hornets to look past the conference tournament to the NCAA, where they would be striving to advance past the first round for the first time in school history.

Campbell is doing everything he can to prevent that.

"I want to keep them focused," he said, "I don't like to even talk about the finals; the emphasis will be on the first match of the tourney.

"No one said they were going to give us the trophy."

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TENNIS: Montana State favored

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ern Arizona (5-14, 1-5). Weber State is the only team not competing in the tourney as they finished the season with just five wins against 18 losses while going 0-6 in conference.

The Hornets know the importance of having a first round bye, especially with all the injuries the team dealt with last year come tournament time.

"It will be a big advantage in the semifinals," Hossain said. "I think it will be a deciding factor."

Junior Gabriel Loredo added, "It's a very good thing. It gives us an extra chance to practice and adapt to the altitude."

As is customary in most sports as they near the end of the season there are many walking wounded who will benefit from the extra rest as well. Hossain has a bruised patella tendon in his left knee and sophomore Hague Van Dillen was visibly hobbling after last Thursday's match.

Montana State and Sac State will be heavily favored to meet in the championship match for the second straight year with Montana State being the favorite given their season matchup dominance.

Komorniczak echoed that sentiment. "It's just between (Montana State) and us."

Others on the team see a potential dark horse looming on the horizon.

"I think if we play indoors then Montana has a shot," Hossain said. "But we have a better shot if we play outside."

Should Sac State and Montana State meet again to settle an old score the players know what they need to do to bring home the hardware.

"The doubles point will be crucial for us," Hossain said, referring to the boost a team gets when leading 1-0 going into singles play.

The team is confident and ready this year, itching to right last year's 4-0 loss at the hands of the Bobcats. This year's team is better prepared and might just be better period. It also doesn't hurt that Hossain, who suffered a broken foot last year before the tournament, is relatively healthy.

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BASEBALL: Home run wins game

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batter (Louisiana Tech center fielder Adam Cobb), but then I told myself I was going to have to relax, or else I was going to get hit hard."

After allowing the double to Cobb, Schlager proceeded to strike out the next three batters to get out of trouble. In the seventh, Louisiana Tech pitcher Jericho Jones blasted a home run over the center field fence to give the Bulldogs a brief 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the inning, however, the Hornets took the lead for good when left fielder Brian Conradi hit a two-run homer to left field.

Schlager allowed the first batter to reach base in the ninth inning, but Hornet reliever Billy Sinacori came on to retire the next three batters to preserve the win and earn his fifth save of the year.

Schlager had taken the mound just once since the beginning of April, showed no signs of rust after being used so sporadically during the season, baffling an offense that few pitchers had been able to slow down.

"Early in the year, my mechanics were all off, I was overthrowing," said Schlager. "Yesterday (the coaches) told me just to relax and get the ball down, hit spots. I didn't try to overpower anybody, and my stuff just worked out there all day."

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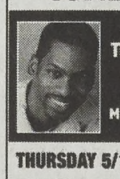
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THE PROSECUTION

An acquaintance told Daniel of a sexual encounter Melissa had with his best friend, Jason. The prosecution attempted to expose a motive by Daniel for exposing Melissa to HIV, in effect sentencing her to death.

THE ACCUSED: DANIEL

Daniel was charged with murdering his ex-girlfriend Melissa, by transmission of HIV through sexual intercourse. He claimed he was a victim, an innocent teenager and couldn't intentionally kill the woman he loved.

THE DEFENSE

The defendant never had sex with Melissa because he was waiting to have intercourse after marriage. The prosecutions witness had an agenda against Daniel since Daniel beat him out for a spot on the basketball team.



ANDREW NIXON/STATE HORNET

Senior criminal justice major Colin Child, left, junior criminal justice major Cody Fields and sophomore English and philosophy double major Stephanie Sandler take part in the Monday Phi Alpha Delta fraternity mock trial presided over by Deputy District Attorney Paul Durenberger.

PRE-LAW & ORDER

Phi Alpha Delta fraternity presents first annual mock trial

CHELSEA FOLLETT
State Hornet

It was the prosecution's job to prove the defendant, Daniel, intentionally transmitted HIV to his ex-girlfriend, Melissa — eventually killer her.

First, the prosecution called up Melissa's mother who said her daughter had only slept with one person in her life, Daniel, and it must have been Daniel who killed her. Next, they called up an acquaintance who told Daniel that he saw Melissa having sex with Jason in a car, thus providing Daniel with a motive.

The defense countered by painting Daniel as an innocent teenage boy who contracted HIV while helping a bloodied homeless man at one of his volunteer events. Daniel was the victim. They argued that not only had Daniel and Melissa never had sex but that one of the witnesses that testified against Daniel was upset because Daniel had taken his spot on a high school basketball team.

"Yes, the defendant has a terrible illness, but he should still be held accountable for what he did," said Colin Child, a criminal justice senior and a lawyer for the prosecution, in his closing statement.

The jury, mostly composed of Phi Alpha Delta pledges from the spring of 2006, found the defendant guilty in the first annual pre-law fraternity mock trial on Monday in the Foothill Suite of the University Union.

Fabiola Mora, a graduate student and fourth year Phi Alpha Delta member, is credited with bringing the idea of a mock trial to Sacramento State. After attending two national mock trials in Washington D.C., Mora said a mock trial would allow members to get the needed practice for future careers.

"For D.C. we received a case and studied it," Mora said before the event. "We had less than a month. You can be chosen for prosecution or defense but you don't know before, so you have to be prepared for both."

Adamant and determined, Mora scrambled to get money for the trip and put together a team.

"It was hard at first," Mora said. "We didn't know the rules, we didn't have a coach (and) it was all just the beginning."

Getting a coach was a top priority that Mora took on after the first D.C. conference. Mora sent out a general e-mail to the district office in Sacramento County. Deputy District Attorney Paul Durenberger wanted to help.

"We studied the case, told him what we thought and he gave us his input," Mora said. "He gave us advice on opening and closing statements, how to analyze the case and how to direct and cross examine witnesses."

The D.C. delegation met in Durenberger's office at 8 a.m. on Sundays. In these meetings, the case came to life. This is also when Mora and others began to see the benefits of having their own mock trial at Sac State.

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Small cast to shine in 'Sky'

JOSH HUGGETT
State Hornet

The Sacramento State Theatre and Dance Department will help welcome the spring season with the production of the "Under a Western Sky." Under the direction of theatre professor Manuel Pickett, the performance will run at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and continue May 4 to 7 at the Playwrights' Theatre in Shasta Hall.

The play is based on a true story of a young couple living in a small rural Texas town in the '80s. After a young woman is gang raped at an illegal cock fight, the town is turned upside down as it tries to collectively cope with the atrocious and violent crime. The young couple finds that the secure and comfortable environment they once knew is nothing more than a thin, opaque veil hiding lies and betrayal. The pain of the incident is further magnified when the eyes of the nation focus on the town and exposes the overarching damage it has caused.

Written by playwright Amparo Garcia Crow, the play is composed of a five actors taking on multiple roles. Depicted in Crow's hometown of San Diego, Texas, the play uses the diverse per-

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Sexcapades

A kiss is just a kiss for 'liquid lesbians'

You're out at a bar with your girlfriend and all your mutual friends. The music's loud, the bar is packed and after a few rounds at the bar your girlfriend has turned into a "liquid lesbian." She makes special appearances as a pinch-hitter for the other team from time to time, especially after having a few purple hooter shots.



JESSICA ROJO

What is your reaction? Are you livid and instantly yelling out not-so-nice accusations, something along the lines of slut, or are you overcome with enjoyment as you witness your girl starring in the latest episode of "Girls Gone Wild"?

Women kiss other women — granted there may be a smidgen of alcohol involved — not because we're playing for the other side but because we really see it as being a fun, meaningless event and with full intentions of visually pleasing men. We're always thinking of your needs.

I asked a ton of guys across campus about their reaction in this situation and it was equally split. Some guys considered their girlfriend making out with one of her friends cheating and the

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Senior trains for AIDS marathon

San Francisco race has raised more than $65 million toward research

JOSH HUGGETT
State Hornet

Training for a marathon is hard work. So is being enrolled in 17 units, pledging a fraternity, working, playing intramural sports and running for office in the upcoming ASI election. But Rian Carroll is doing all of that this semester and it's not leaving him with much time to spare.

Carroll, a 25-year-old senior child development major, plans to take part in the San Francisco AIDS Marathon on July 30. He has put in lengthy training sessions, amid his busy schedule, to strengthen his legs and mind. As part of a training group, he trains frequently during the week and more thoroughly on the weekends.

"During the week I'll do a 30 minute run two to three times a week," said Carroll, who's been training for the competition since February. "Then we'll do a long run down in the East Bay on Sundays."

The marathon is one of the largest fundraising events for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, which has hosted the event the past two years. According to the organization's Web site, The race has helped raise more than $65 million for AIDS research through runner sponsorship.

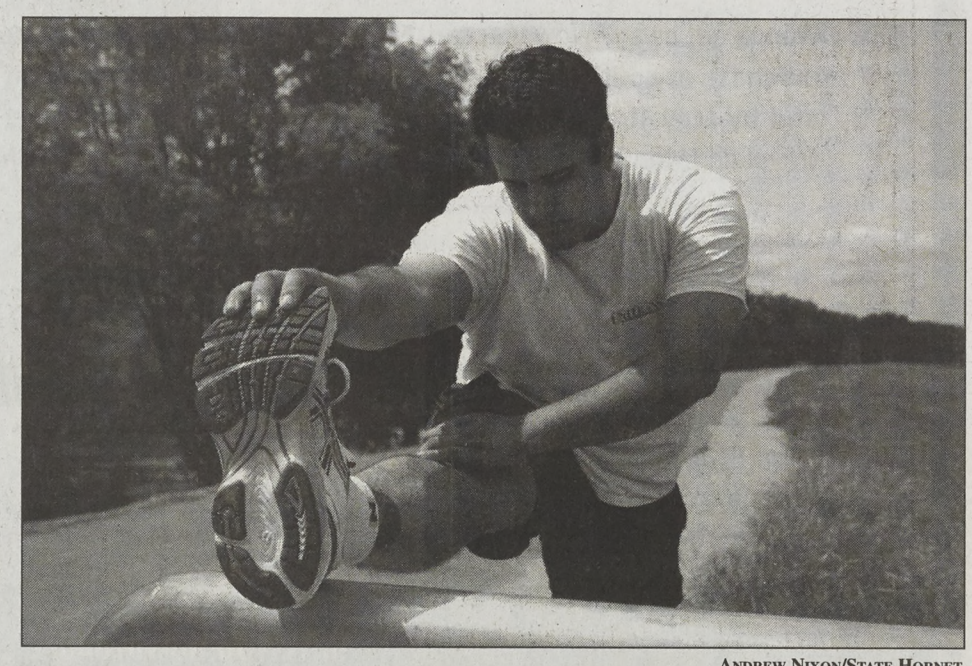
"We're excited because we're growing this event and it's a fun event," said Robert Benabiez, director for the Aids Marathon Training Program in San Francisco. "We've got an enormous amount of volunteers, who will be basically running the event on race day."

This year's marathon has sold out and Benabiez expected approximately 15,000 runners for the event. But with so many runners, the organization has a large number of spectators as well.

"We've got plenty of cheer sections set up and volunteers will be taking families and friends ahead to cheer on runners," Benabiez said.

Along with a training "pace" group of other runners, Carroll has been gradually running farther every week and those weekend runs just get longer and longer. The group is designed to give runners support and allows them to consistently pace themselves to maximize endurance. Carroll recently completed his first 10-mile run and despite the intimidating thought of running such a distance, Carroll said it's not as tough as

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Rian Carroll, a child development major, stretches on a railing of the Guy West Bridge on Saturday before going for a run along the American River Bike Trail.

TRIAL: Fraternity meets weekly

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"When I was in law school," Durenberger said on Monday, "a friend's uncle helped us out a lot. I thought this was a real nice way to give back a little bit."

"Fabiola has put down 90 percent of the footwork for all of this," said Cody Fields, a senior criminal justice major and the president of the pre-law fraternity who played the part of Daniel.

Fields joined the fraternity in fall 2004 and even though he said he might not go straight to law school, he's glad the fraternity was a part of his college experience.

"I had never done anything like this before," Fields said. "When I came to this frat I didn't know anything about law school or the application process. I think it's important for people who think they may want to be attorneys."

The fraternity gets together once a week and meets with guest speakers from law schools. Phi Alpha Delta has recently taken trips to visit law schools at UC Berkeley and University of San Francisco.

"We have resources and information," said Kinsey Reynolds, a senior criminal justice major. "The fraternalism has been huge to me."

Reynolds, a prosecuting attorney on Monday, said the mock trial and the fraternity played a huge part in her college career.

"In working with the witnesses we try to anticipate questions they will be asked," Reynolds said. "We had to try and figure out what the defense wanted out of them. How are they going to try and discredit the witness? And how do we prepare them for that?"

"The face of the organization is a little different," Fields said. "A lot of people don't know they're interested in law school until they're juniors and seniors in college. And being in the fraternity helps make the decision for you about whether or not you want to go to law school."

Reynolds said she's starting to prepare her personal statement and studying for the LSAT.

"I want to work in criminal law," Reynolds said. "I love it. I'll probably apply to a DA's office."

Mora said her dream is to attend the University of Virginia Law School and to work with human rights either through the United Nations or in Africa.

Fields is less certain about going straight to law school but is glad he got into the pre-law fraternity.

"Attorneys, especially corporate lawyers, are working 12 to 16 hours a day. They're making a lot of money but don't have time to spend it," Fields said. "Once you find out all the hoops you have to jump through to be an attorney … it's better to find out now."

Through the mock trial and similar events, the members of Phi Alpha Delta have learned the road ahead of them, if they attend law school, will not be smooth. However, it seems as if most of the members have a heightened appreciation for law and careers in law than before they started.

"It's been extremely rewarding," Fields said. "I had never done anything quite like this before."

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SKY: Actors play opposing roles

"Under the Western Sky"
What: Opening of play based on a true story written by Amparo Garcia Crow, directed by theatre professor Manuel Pickett
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Where: Playwrights' Theatre in Shasta Hall
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spectives of townsfolk surrounding the crime and details their deteriorating relationships in its wake. Pickett divided the roles in a diplomatic fashion.

"It was difficult to coordinate because it's a very different kind of theatre," Pickett said. "There are five actors playing 19 characters."

Pickett feels that using only five actors, rather than a larger cast, has its advantages.

"The actors have to transform into different people with different relationships," Pickett said. "If we had used 19 different actors I think it would have taken away from the beauty of it."

"You really get to be more one-on-one and you don't get lost in the crowd of a large cast," theatre graduate Rafael Chavez said. "You connect a little more; you get to be a little more personal with the other actors."

Chavez is cast as both Frankie, the cold hearted rapist, as well as Jesse, the husband of the victim. Chavez said playing opposing roles and making the distinctive personality transitions has been demanding, but has helped him develop his craft.

"It's really challenging as an actor to have to play two different extremes," Chavez said. "And it's especially tough when you have to make the transition from one to the other so quickly and in front of a live audience."

Sophomore theatre major Deanna Tercero, who plays Yolanda, the rape victim, as well as the legendary artist Georgia O'Keefe, felt working with such a small cast helped build the relationships with her fellow actors.

"When you're offstage you're able to build friendships and it's easier to work with the actors if I know them on a personal level," Tercero said. "That's what makes the relationships in the play so much better."

Tickets for "Under a Western Sky" are $15 general, $12 for students and Sac State staff and $10 for senior citizens and high school students.

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ROJO: Girl-on-girl kissing is understandable

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others were in awe at the thought of their girl kissing one of her hot friends.

Senior engineering major Joey Hughes is all about his girlfriend taking a walk on the other side.

"If it was my girlfriend and she made out with another girl, I'd be stoked," Hughes said. "Women are beautiful and two is always better than one."

Some guys argued kissing someone else is cheating as long as it's with another person.

Senior communications major Jon Wiley can't stand the thought of his girlfriend making out with another man. When it comes to kissing another woman, as long as he is present, he feels no obligation to feel angry.

"It's OK if my girlfriend wants to kiss one of her friends because if I'm in a relationship with her, I know she's not gay," Wiley said. "I don't feel threatened by a woman; now a guy is a whole different story."

It's a universal notion that women are beautiful creatures. We're fun, sexy, passionate and we know how to kiss, so why should we let men have all the fun? Western society is trained to view women as sexual beings. Take a look in the latest *Cosmo*, a magazine for straight women featuring page after page of beautiful, nearly nude women.

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As women we should acknowledge and appreciate the fact we are dominant when it comes to sexuality. Gay women want to date us, gay men want to be like us and straight men can't live without us. Women having the desire to simply kiss another woman should be understandable.

Straight women kissing their girlfriends isn't an epidemic event, it's actually so common among young women that any night out or an evening spent watching HBO, you're bound to witness some girl-on-girl action.

Amy Levine, a Cosmopolitan online sex expert, said it's quite common for straight women to become aroused by the idea of kissing another woman. However, it doesn't mean you're bisexual, Levine said in an e-mail.

Junior sociology major Stephanie Smith said it shouldn't be considered cheating if you hook up with one of your girlfriends. It's nowhere near as serious as hooking up with another guy, especially if you're boyfriend is there.

"A lot of girls hook up with their friends because it's fun and we like the attention," Smith said. "It's not cheating because it's not like you're attracted to the other girl," Smith said.

Some people might take this as being totally unacceptable, immoral and a bit on the promiscuous side, but it's not that big of a deal.

So guys, if your girl is out having a good time with the girls and the "liquid lesbian" comes out in her, give the girl a break. Don't take this as a threat, or break into a fury of rage, just think of it as a game. Just because we play a bit in the minor leagues, it doesn't mean we'll go professional.

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CARROLL: He is working toward $1,700 in donations

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it sounds.

"It's definitely gotten easier as time's gone by," Carroll said nonchalantly. "We'll run in a pace group of about nine or 10. It helps because it makes the time go by faster."

Carroll said running in a training group has also helped him stay focused and motivated, as well as keeping up a consistent pace.

To take part in the 26.2-mile affair, participants must raise at least $1,700 in sponsorship donations, which goes towards funding the race and AIDS research. Carroll is up to $325 and is optimistic he'll reach the minimum.

His running partners feel his personality and drive will contribute to not only reaching his pledge goal, but also to his training success. Pace group member and boyfriend Brent Fidjeland said Carroll is driven by desire.

"It's his ambition that drives him to finish what he starts," Fidjeland said. "And it's a way to accomplish something that most people never will do in their lives."

Although Carroll is a rookie to the world of marathon and long distance running, he seems like a veteran when it comes to rousing other runners.

"His personality motivates people," Fidjeland said. "He gives them encouragement to keep going even when they don't think they can make it. He can provide that extra boost of confidence to anyone."

Carroll participates in weekly group running sessions and runs on his own time. The scenic and serene McKinley Park is an ideal spot to find him wearing down his sneakers.

And what motivates a motivator when he's hitting the pavement by himself? Well, music of course.

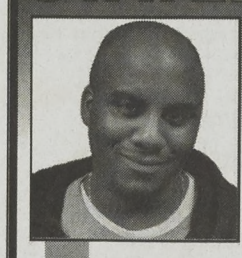
"Something with a good beat that doesn't drag," Carroll said of his music of choice. "It can range from a Britney Spears dance remix, to a Mary J. Blige dance remix, to a Nine Inch Nails dance remix."

To supplement his training, Carroll will participate in other races in the months leading up to the big one. He will take part in the 10th Annual Komen Sacramento Race for the Cure on May 13 at Cal Expo and the Bay to Breakers race on May 21 in San Francisco.

Carroll will set up a fundraising table from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday in the University Union. Donors can also contribute by visiting the Web site, www.aidsmarathon.com, and clicking the "Sponsor a runner" link.

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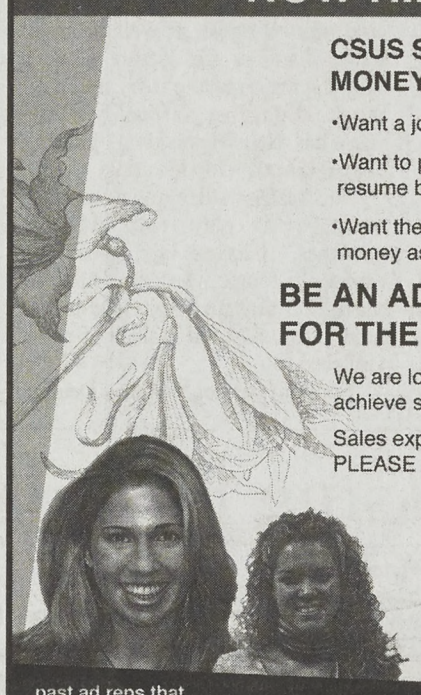
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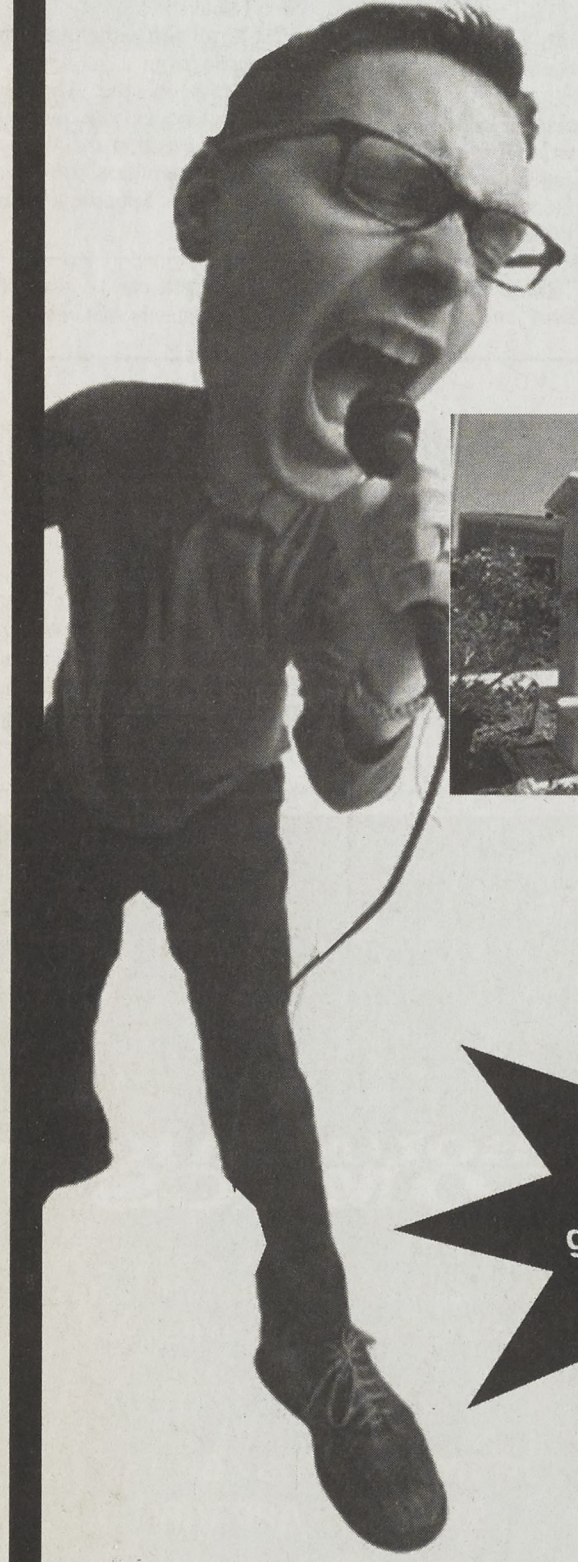
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